



Reader feedback

"I recommend going to see some of the castles and historical sites in the cities," said Baumholder Summer Hire Robert Shenk. See page 2 for more readers' travel suggestions.



Intimate Italy

MWR helps visitors find their way around Venice, Vinci and a famous horse race in Siena. See pages 16 and 17.



Underway with the USO

Tickets to amusement parks, trips to Europe's great cities and more are in store. See page 26.

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NCO, Soldier of the Year

Baumholder, Hanau Soldiers win USAG Hessen honors

By Dennis Johnson and Karl Weisel

U.S. Army Garrison Hessen Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Hessen recognized its Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of

the Year in a ceremony on Hanau's Yorkhof Kaserne June 29.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jose A. Fontanez presented awards and gifts to the two top troopers.

Spc. Juan A. Heward, a human resource specialist with USAG Hessen's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, said he worked hard to win Soldier of the Year for USAG Hessen and go on to compete in the Europe-wide competition that took place in Belgium and the Netherlands.

"I'd like to invite the Soldiers to participate; it's a great experience," said Heward "It was tough, a mentally tough challenge, but it gives you a chance to demonstrate what you've learned. It's a good way to get ready for the promotion board. I spent a lot of time on it so I was ready for the promotion board."

Staff Sgt. Edward Storer from USAG Baumholder was honored as USAG Hessen's NCO of the Year. "I definitely recommend any Soldier to at least attend a Soldier or NCO of the Month board for the learning experience," said Storer, praising the knowledge he has acquired about the Army and himself through the effort. "It's a lot different than simply talking to your fellow NCOs at work."

Storer thanked his mentors
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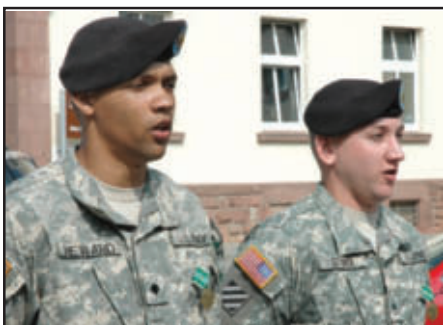


Photo by Karl Weisel

Spc. Juan A. Heward (left) and Staff Sgt. Edward Storer sing the Army Song during a recognition ceremony on Hanau's Yorkhof Kaserne June 29.

Summer Hire Program

Youths head off to work

By Karl Weisel

U.S. Army Garrison Hessen Public Affairs Office

Young people across U.S. Army Garrison Hessen headed off to join the working world June 26.

This year's Summer Hire program runs through Aug. 4. It is open to family members of active duty military and Department of Defense civilians 14-22 years of age.

"We had a total of 62 in the Hanau Community," said Renee Tucker-Oppermann, director of USAG Hessen's Directorate of Human Resources Division. "We were fortunate enough to place the majority of students who applied, with our youngest appli-

cant being 14."

During a swearing in and orientation ceremony in the Evening Star Theater on Hanau's Pioneer Kaserne, students were welcomed to the

USAG Hessen workforce by USAG Hessen's deputy to the commander, Dr. Robert Kandler, who advised the students to make the Summer Hire
See Youths on page 4



Photo by Karl Weisel

Lance Dichter swears in this year's crop of USAG Hessen's Hanau Community Summer Hires June 26.



Photo by Cassandra Kardeke

Soldiers pay tribute to Staff Sgt. Heath N. Craig during a memorial service June 29 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

Paying tribute

Family, friends remember medic killed in Afghanistan

By Kelly Deichert

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs Office

She waited for his call, but it never came.

Judy Craig knew her husband Staff Sgt. Heath Craig could be called away on a mission, but she didn't know then their conversation the night before would be their last. She remembers watching him through a webcam play peek-a-boo with his 1-year-old daughter, Leona.

Now Judy will tell her daughter and son, Jonas, 4, about the good memories. "He was so special. He touched everybody," she said.

One day, she said, she'll show her children the letters from friends, sharing stories of their father.

The 28-year-old with the 159th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) in Afghanistan did not particularly like attempting a hoist rescue in the middle of the night June 21

in an unsecured location, said Sgt. James "Dave" Ramey, via a letter during Craig's memorial service. But he wasn't one to abandon two Soldiers in need, the crew chief said.

On June 21 Craig was lowered from the helicopter and helped the first Soldier to safety. While returning to the helicopter with the second, the hoist malfunctioned.

"On the second try I lost him," Ramey said.

"Heath is a hero in my mind and will never be forgotten," he said.

The Soldier touched all those he worked with. He was a hard worker who found ways to make people laugh, said Sgt. Kendra Jackson during the memorial June 29 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel.

Even after back surgery he lent a helping hand. She encouraged him to rest, but
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Feedback: What do you recommend seeing while in Europe?



Edline Evans
55th Postal Company,
Wiesbaden

"Go to Barcelona, Spain, and enjoy the seafood and friendly people."



Pablo Velasquez
Hanau recreation specialist/DJ

"Definitely, the clubs; because here in Germany they really know about sound systems. The clubs have a pretty good atmosphere. Every one there is pretty chill."



Sgt. Wanda Rosa-Sierra
U.S. Army Garrison
Baumholder S-3 Office

"I would like to see more history-oriented trips. Lots of times Soldiers spend their time in countries, leave the country and they never knew the history behind it. If we learn the history we might appreciate and take better care of it."



Chaplain (Maj.) Pete Sniffin
1st Armored Division,
Wiesbaden

"London is so rich in history. You can enjoy so many different cultures since it is a hub of the world."



Christine Jones
Wiesbaden Army Substance
Abuse Program

"Budapest has a rich cultural history. See the Danube River and enjoy the spectacular views of the Hungarian countryside."

Being prepared in a crisis

Commentary by Col. Robert Scurlock
2nd Brigade Combat Team
Commander

Soldiers spent months preparing for their Operation Iraqi Freedom mission before deployment of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Soldiers participated in training targeted to maximize their personal safety and situational awareness regardless of military occupational specialty.

It takes a combination of skills and a team effort to successfully face the uncertainties of a combat operation. This same level of preparedness is necessary for the proper care of Iron Brigade families. Army family members who prepare in advance of crises, provide their Soldier with the knowledge that they are capable, competent and confident in their ability to manage during the Soldier's absence, allowing the Soldier to focus on the mission.

To aid in the ongoing readiness of our 2nd BCT families, I ask all family members to fill out a "My Readiness Team" plan with your sponsor's unit. The focus of MRT is "your team, your plan, your way."



This personal readiness planner creates the foundation for your family's plan to ensure you are prepared and ready for a variety of circumstances.

The focus of your readiness plan is preparing your family for two main levels of need. The first are unanticipated circumstances that may incapacitate you or limit your abilities. Your Readiness Team members could provide short term assistance or intermittent assistance over a longer period. For example, identifying a friend to pick up the children after school when you've got the flu is one of the tasks that can be shared among Readiness Team members. The second area deals with serious injury, illness or death of a member of the household. Should this occur, you have made known to the unit those people who are best suited to help your family during this difficult time.

In these extreme instances your MRT reflects your desires for additional assistance which will be activated should you request them. In the case of a death of a Soldier, this assistance will only be activated after official notification has been made. This additional assistance can be in the form of two types: your personal MRT members or a community

CARE team of trained, mature, screened and confidential volunteers.

Consider receiving training if you are serving on someone's MRT. Also, if you are interested in helping others in the Baumholder community through times of crisis consider receiving training to serve on community CARE teams. Training enhances those skills that will help Soldiers and families successfully face the challenges of current operations. Training is available through Army Community Service.

With the arrival of summer and families traveling, these programs will only work with good communications between you, your MRT and your sponsor's unit. Therefore, I ask that you maintain updated contact information even if you are only traveling for short periods of time.

When tragedy or need happens to another person in the Baumholder community or to a close friend, our community and you, in the role of caregiver, will be prepared and trained to provide the best assistance possible. Our Army family wants the best possible, trained assistance in the event of crisis. Take the challenge; accept your responsibility for personal readiness.

Letter to the editor

Feedback on photo

My daughter-in-law recently mailed me the picture you sent her of our grandson Dominik Lipari singing at an Army celebration (June 22 issue, page 3). I wanted to thank

you for making our day. Capt. Benjamin Lipari is my husband's son and my stepson who I have helped raise since he was 6 years old. It is tough, as you know, when your military family is overseas and also

deployed, and it is nice to see that Melissa and the boys are so well cared for by the "military family" until Ben is safely back.

Lisa and Jerry Lipari
Baton Rouge, La.

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- Always wear a helmet when biking, skateboarding or inline skating
- Stay alert for road hazards; obey all traffic signs, signals and lanes



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News flash

DoDDS teacher dies

Penny G. Carson, age 58, died June 23 of a heart attack while on vacation in Ancon, Panama. Carson, a guidance counselor at Hanau's Sportfield Elementary School, where she taught since 2003, was planning on moving to Seoul, Korea, to teach for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools next school year. Condolences may be sent to Marsha Hackett, 485 East 1st, Tustin, CA 92780. (DoDDS-E Public Affairs)

Gas prices go down

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Europe officials announced that gasoline prices went down for all grades except diesel in July. The price for unleaded in Germany is now \$3.05, for super unleaded \$3.154, for super plus unleaded \$3.254 and diesel \$3.067. (AAFES Europe Release)

Kudos to youth photographer

Hanau's Timothy Coleman, age 13, was named a national winner in the black and white photo category of the Image Makers National Photography Contest. Coleman won a trip to visit Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando, Fla. (Courtesy of USAG Hessen's CYS)

Soldiers killed in Iraq

Sgt. Reyes Ramirez, age 23, of Willis, Texas, and Spc. Robert L. Jones, age 22, of Milwaukie, Ore., were killed June 17 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat in Ar Ramadi. Both Soldiers were assigned to Baumholder's 40th Engineer Battalion. Sgt. Terry M. Lisk, age 26, of Fox Lake, Ill., died June 26 of injuries sustained in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, during combat operations. Lisk was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, in Friedberg. Pfc. Michael J. Potocki, age 21, of Baltimore, Md., died June 26 of injuries sustained in an enemy attack in Al Asad, Iraq. Potocki served with the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, from Baumholder. (DoD News)

JROTC cadets honored

Hanau High School's Giovanni Vidal and Baumholder High School's Audrianna Bustoz received commendations during the U.S. Army Europe/Department of Defense Dependents Schools Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' Cadet Leadership Challenge in Grafenwöhr. One-hundred-and-twenty-two cadets, 22 U.S. and three British Soldiers spent a week at Camp Aachen mastering challenges including drownproofing, canoeing and managing a ropes course. Awards were presented by Gen. William E. Ward, European Command deputy commander. (Courtesy of USAG Grafenwöhr Public Affairs)

Product safety recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall of Curious Buddies Childrens Books by Simon and Schuster Inc. and Triaminic Vapor Patches (mentholated cherry and menthol scents) from Novartis Consumer Health. Both are hazardous to children. Visit www.simonandschuster.com, www.triaminic.com or www.cpsc.gov for more information. (AAFES-Europe Release)



Just another day in Iraq

Staff Sgt. Richard Butler (left) examines a map found by fellow Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, Soldiers during a search while conducting cordon and knock operations in Al Bayaa, Iraq, June 21. The 1st Armored Division Soldiers teamed up with Iraqi police from 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Iraqi National Police Division.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Moses

Bomb jokes no laughing matter

By Gary L. Kieffer

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

Entering the gates of any military installation can sometimes be time-consuming. However, joking about the presence of a bomb or weapon in your vehicle will not get you a smile from the security personnel working the gate, nor will it make your entrance go any faster.

"Incidents of persons entering our caserns and joking about having an explosive device, bomb or weapon in their vehicles happens, occasionally," said Lt. Col. Carol McKinney, U.S. Army Europe, office of the provost marshal.

"We have had several recent incidents. One of them was at the PX complex and another at the local military hospital," said Lt. Col. Deborah Anderson, U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg provost marshal.

"Some of those who have informed a guard 'jokingly' of having a bomb, explosive device or a weapon have believed it would speed up their inspection or thought no one would take it seriously," McKinney said.

Remarks about bombs or weapons trigger an immediate response from security personnel.

"It's a big deal," Anderson said. "Military Police are called, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) is called, the installation is shut down and the vehicle is thoroughly searched."

Tribute

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he knew he was needed. "He'd look at me with those blue eyes and say, 'My name's not worthless.'"

Craig mentored Jackson and the other Soldiers. "He was my brother, he was our brother," Jackson said.

Those who knew him saw how he loved his family, said Capt. Angela Wagner, the unit's rear detachment commander. En route to Afghanistan, his flight was delayed. He had already said goodbye to his family and would not put them through it again. "He'd rather sleep in a chair or on the floor than cause his family one more

"The people responsible are detained and their installation passes are suspended," she said.

McKinney said most suspects in such cases are charged with communicating a threat or bomb threat under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, although some may be charged under German law.

"The German police use similar verbiage, though (the punishment) can be a bit stronger because of the potential endangerment to others," she said.

"Regardless of whether it is an access control point joke or a threat to a facility, people need to remember that there are consequences for such actions," McKinney said. "German police will assuredly make an arrest and will also make the individual pay for emergency services."

McKinney and Anderson offer the following advice: at an installation gate or access control point, use common sense. Be courteous; present your identification and vehicle registration when asked, and don't joke about a bomb, explosive device or weapon in your vehicle.

"There's nothing funny at all in making this kind of a joke," said McKinney. "What people fail to consider is that when everyone responds to the threat of a bomb, this actually ties up those emergency responders who should be available to respond to real life and death incidents."

second of pain," she said.

She said she spoke to Craig's father, who was comforted knowing his son died doing what he loved.

"He was about the business of saving lives and he did it splendidly," Wagner said.

At the end of the memorial, Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Cockerham, the acting first sergeant for the 159th, did a roll call, but Staff Sgt. Heathe Craig did not reply.

Those wishing to lend support to the Craig family can contact Cackie Howe at civ (0611) 205 7376 or Megan Davis at civ (06134) 284 110.



Photo by Franz Möller

Partner units

Members of the HHC, USAG Hessen, color guard take part in a change of command and farewell ceremony for the German forces VBK (Hessen) 47th Defense District Command June 28 in Giessen. The unit is moving to Wiesbaden this summer to become the Landeskommmando Hessen.

IR 2006: Exercise teams Bulgarian, U.S., Romanian forces

Soldiers from 1st Armored Division, U.S. Air Force Europe's 492nd Fighter Squadron, U.S. European Command, Bulgarian and Romanian military forces are teaming up to conduct a trilateral training exercise called Immediate Response 2006 in Bulgarian and Romanian this month.

Soldiers from the United States, Bulgarian and Romanian military are conducting a peacetime engagement exercise in support of U.S. Army Europe's Theater Engagement Program to increase NATO interoperability. Soldiers will conduct weapons familiarization live-fires, military operations in ur-

ban terrain, air assault operations and cross border convoy maneuvers while building upon ongoing relationships with the Bulgarian and Romanian military and civilians.

"Training in our NATO forces maneuver areas provides our military units the opportunity to develop team work and improve the expeditionary capability needed to fight and win on today's battlefield," said Col. James Shumway, 1st Armored Division's Engineer Brigade commander and exercise director for IR06.

The exercise will begin on July 17, with an opening ceremony to be held at the Nova

Selo Training Area in Bulgaria. The trilateral training will continue through July 31.

Training events outside of Novo Selo Training Area will consist of a long-range overnight road convoy crossing borders, an air assault mission into Romania and cultural day activities to enhance the understanding of one another's cultures.

Approximately 800 U.S., Bulgarian and Romanian military and civilian personnel will participate in the exercise, using a variety of ground vehicles and aircraft from the U.S., Bulgarian and Romanian Armed Forces.

Youths

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Program a mutually beneficial experience.

"This program is designed to give them hands-on experience in a day-to-day work environment," said Tucker-Oppermann. "It should also help develop them professionally."

Not only do students have the opportunity to earn some money during the summer months — \$5.14 per hour — they also learn how an organization functions, the requirements of an organization and how they fit into that organization, she said.

"I think it's always a benefit for the students to know what an organization does and why it exists," Tucker-Oppermann added.

"It takes the supervisors to really promote and show the students how their contributions effect the organization and to

instill positive work ethics in the students assigned to their directorates," she said.

This year's program was in danger of being canceled due to budget restraints, but U.S. Army Europe and Installation Management Agency-Europe officials managed to fund nearly 1,300 positions Europe-wide, according to USAREUR press spokesman Arthur McQueen.

"We've had successful students in the past and hopefully we'll do as well this year," said Tucker-Oppermann, describing the Hanau Summer Hires as a mixture of experienced workers, novices and college students visiting their parents in Europe



Photo by Karl Weisel

Irene Thoene signs in Summer Hires during the orientation June 26.

during summer vacation.

Outstanding workers (Summer Hire students), will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the organization during USAG Hessen's Quarterly Awards ceremony Aug. 4. The students will also be rewarded with an end-of-program cookout.

USAG Hessen blotter

Compiled by the U.S. Army Garrison
Hessen Directorate of Emergency Services

June 12

Hanau: Wrongful use of hallucinogens and marijuana — determined by urinalysis test — A Soldier was charged after testing positive for Ecstasy and THC (active ingredient in marijuana) after a command directed urinalysis.

June 13

Baumholder: Traffic accident with damage to private property, traffic accident resulting in personal injury, traffic accident/improper passing and operating a vehicle without an operator's permit — A local national was charged after improperly passing a vehicle on the right and striking the vehicle while it was making a right turn. The subject does not possess an operator's permit.

June 14

Wiesbaden: Provoking speech and gestures — Two NCOs were charged after they used threatening profanity towards a Soldier.

June 15

Hanau: Fraudulent use of another's identity for financial gain, false official statement — submitted to a finance activity — A U.S. civilian was charged after the subject used a Soldier's identity in an attempt to obtain an American Express credit card in the Soldier's name.

June 16

Giessen: Operating a vehicle with a revoked driver's license, civilian misconduct — A Department of the Army civilian was charged after failing to produce a valid USAREUR driver's license during a routine installation access check. The subject's driver's license was revoked in April 2006.

June 17

Wiesbaden: Drunken driving, traffic accident — fleeing the scene, owning and operating an unregistered/uninsured privately owned vehicle — An NCO was charged after a witness observed the subject strike several traffic devices and flee the scene. German police stopped the NCO and administered a breath test with results of 1.02 percent. The car's registration was cancelled in February because the insurance was cancelled.

June 18

Hanau: Wrongful use of marijuana, driving under the influence of marijuana, civilian misconduct — A family member husband was charged after German police observed the subject driving a car in an erratic manner. A urinalysis test was administered with positive results for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

June 19

Baumholder: Traffic accident

with damage to government property, traffic accident — improper backing — A Soldier was charged after improperly backing out of a parking space in a government vehicle and striking a dumpster.

June 20

Giessen: Drunken driving — A Soldier was charged after being observed by German police driving a car in an erratic manner. A portable breath test was administered with a reading of .185 percent.

June 21

Giessen: Larceny of government funds, failure to obey general order — A Soldier was charged after an investigation determined subject made numerous unauthorized calls from his government issued cell phone. Estimated cost of larceny is \$1,252.97.

June 22

Wiesbaden: Damage to government property — A Soldier was charged after he failed to maintain control of a U.S. government owned golf cart and cracked the front bumper.

June 23

Baumholder: Simple assault — consummated by a battery, conduct unbecoming a member of the military service — drunk and disorderly — Two soldiers were charged after becoming involved in a verbal altercation which turned physical. One of the Soldiers was also charged with wrongful damaging of private property.

June 24

Baumholder: Traffic accident resulting in personal injury, traffic accident with damage to host nation property, traffic accident with damage to private property, traffic accident/failure to maintain control — A family member wife was charged after she swerved to avoid hitting a deer and exited the roadway to the right, striking two road markers. She then re-entered the roadway, crossed the center line and exited the roadway to left striking a third road marker and several trees.

June 25

Baumholder: Misconduct under civilian personnel standards/drunken driving and operating an unregistered USAREUR privately owned vehicle, traffic accident with damage to host nation property, traffic accident with damage to private property, traffic accident/failure to maintain control — A family member wife was charged after she failed to maintain control of her POV and struck a guardrail. Subject was administered a hand held breathalyzer test by German police with the result of .118 percent.

Helping the sick and the injured

Soldiers' Angels bring necessities, cheer to recovering war wounded

By Karl Weisel
*U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Public Affairs Office*

Coping with the carnage of war is challenging in the best of circumstances. Arriving at a hospital in a foreign land, weak, injured, separated from one's friends or fellow Soldiers only increases the trauma.

Members of the Soldiers' Angels make it their mission to help service members being treated for injuries suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan at the Army's Landstuhl Regional Medical Center through friendship, visits and donations of needed items including everything from clothes to backpacks.

"I'm interested in German-American friendship," said Wilhelmine Aufmkolk, a long-time member of the Wiesbaden Kontakt Club and supporter of the Soldiers' Angels organization. "I think it's great to help our friends. If it wasn't for what the Americans did in Germany after World War II for us we wouldn't be able to live the way we do today. The Americans brought us freedom and they helped us to rebuild our country. In the last 60 years the Americans protected our lives in the time as it was necessary. ... One helps one's friends."

Aufmkolk and her husband, Rudi, both German citizens, got involved with Soldiers' Angels after an American friend from Wiesbaden deployed to Iraq in 2003. "We began by sending packages to Soldiers in Iraq. There was a program where you could adopt a Soldier. At that time it was much different in Iraq. Soldiers didn't have much," she said.

Soldiers on the front lines in Iraq in the first year of the war often had to



Wilhelmine Aufmkolk brings gifts to wounded service members recovering at Landstuhl hospital and on Kaiserslautern's Kleber Kaserne.

cope with few amenities, so care packages were a welcome respite, she explained.

"Then in 2003 we had a chance to visit the Landstuhl hospital."

They discovered the Soldiers' Angels organization, a non-profit, volunteer organization whose mission is to provide aid and comfort to service members and their families. Founded by Patti Patton-Bader, the mother of a Soldier who had deployed to Iraq and a relative of Gen. George C. Patton, Soldiers' Angels attracts support from people all over the world interested in helping American service members, Aufmkolk said.

"There are about 40,000 people involved with about 60 people in Europe who regularly support Soldiers' Angels," she said.

"In 2004 we realized there was an extreme need for backpacks, underwear, hygiene items, something to read, homemade blankets — anything to make the Soldiers' lives easier when recovering in the hospital," she said.

Through the Soldiers' Angels and

Fisher House, Aufmkolk was able to regularly bring items to the hospital and Kaiserslautern's Kleber Kaserne where service members were recovering from injuries suffered in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

"The impression I got was that they were happy that someone was there in Germany to care about them. One could see from their faces a sense of relief that someone besides the doctors and nurses came to visit and show concern," said Willie, as she is known to her friends.

She described young Marines, their faces cut by shrapnel and glass and recovering from other wounds, who gladly accepted the gifts and extension of friendship. "In 2004 we met a man who had lost a leg and was in a wheelchair. He took the gift we had brought but he wouldn't look at me, as if he were embarrassed about his injury. I ran into him again later in the Landstuhl hospital and invited him to have a cup of coffee with me. After talking for a little while his face finally opened up and it was as if he came back to life. ... It's the small things, like conversation

and someone showing he or she cares, that make a difference."

"Willie provides an indispensable service to our troops," said Maj. Douglas J. Harvey, senior Army National Guard adviser at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

"Quite often troops are flown here right off the battlefield and arrive clothed only in the skin they were born in," Harvey said. "The items that Willie provides are a visible show of appreciation for their efforts to advance the cause of freedom in the world."

"The backpacks allow newly arrived patients to clean up and get changed and to feel more comfortable and human again," he said, adding that members of the Soldier's Angels also arrive with Christmas stockings during the holidays, help the service members write letters home and provide other motivational support.

"She and her organization provide an absolutely vital service in the process of changing a wounded warrior from aerial cargo to valued hero — a contribution that speeds healing and increases retention," said Harvey. "All Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines benefit from the generosity of the folks back home and the efforts of Soldiers' Angels."

Currently recovering service members are particularly in need of shorts (big sizes — L and XL), sport shoes, big travel bags, breakaway athletic pants and items to stock the coffee bar (particularly microwavable food items) at the recovery station on Kleber Kaserne, Aufmkolk said. The organization also continues to seek "booties and mittens" — handmade foot and hand warmers — to protect patients' extremities when being transported by helicopter off the battlefield.

For more information about the work of Soldiers' Angels or to get involved visit them on the web at www.soldiersangels.org.

Honors

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for encouraging him to strive for the honor. "Every day I took at least two hours to study once I got notice I was going to the board," he said, explaining that time management was a critical factor.

Storer added that he has always tried to give "110 percent" since joining the military. "I've always been one of those people who feels that if you do your best you'll reap your rewards."

The Baumholder Soldier also encouraged other Soldiers to strive for excellence. "A lot of people have reserved opinions about going before the boards.

You have to have a good outlook on this because it really is a positive experience," he said.

"These Soldiers really worked hard to get where they are," said Fontanez. "Today's our chance to recognize them for their effort."

The two Soldiers were awarded Army commendation medals and gifts donated by local sponsors including savings bonds, Army and Air Forces Exchange Service gift certificates and other gifts courtesy of Morale Welfare and Recreation, AAFES, USAA, the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort, Andrews Federal Credit Union and the USO.

Both Soldiers also competed for top honors at the Installation Management Agency-Europe board, but did not advance in the competition.

Runners-up in the USAG Hessen competition were USAG Wiesbaden's Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Willis for NCO of the Year honors and USAG Baumholder's Pfc. Aaron R. Abrams for Soldier of the Year recognition.

During the ceremony Fontanez also recognized Spc. Drewery Swift, a multi-media illustrator for USAG Hessen, who designed the new garrison commander/command sergeant major coin.

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Celebration run

Soldiers run three miles to celebrate the Army's birthday June 14 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Photo left: Sgt. Daniel Wyatt from Medical Activity, Capt. Matthew Weightman from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division, and Sgt. Juanita Sealy from HHC, 1st AD, enjoy cake after the run. Photo below: Maj. Gen. Fred Robinson, 1st AD commander, administers the oath of enlistment to Sgt. Joel D. Arbour (middle) from 141st Signal Battalion, and Kyle C. Hinton from the 1st AD Band during a reenlistment ceremony after the run. "Today, hold your head a little extra high and remember it's your birthday," Robinson said to the audience. "You've earned it, and you've earned it for the nation."





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Michelle Rothbauer reads to her daughter, Kristen (center), and Hannah Bauer June 21 on the first day of the summer reading program at Wiesbaden Army Airfield Library.

More than books

Summer heats up at Wiesbaden, Dexheim libraries

The Wiesbaden Army Airfield and Dexheim libraries kicked off their summer reading programs in June, but children can still join in the fun.

Children age 2-9 can participate in the Claws, Paws, Scales and Tails summer reading program from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays through July 26 at the WAAF Library or 1-2:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Dexheim Library.

Children age 9-14 can have monstrous fun with the Creature Feature program from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays through July 28 at the WAAF Library or 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Dexheim Library.

Both programs include stories, crafts, refreshments and prizes. Youths age 2-4 can enjoy a field trip to the Fasanerie Petting Zoo July 22. Children age 5-14 can spend



Photo by Kelly Deichert

Valerie Weber plays the harp for children during the summer reading program kick-off June 21.

July 29 at the Frankfurt Zoo.

Tuesday is game day at the WAAF Library. Youths ages 8 and older are invited to bring a board game to the library and take on challengers from 2-4

p.m.

The WAAF Library will host a number of special visitors who will share their talents with a group from Youth Services from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays. All are welcome. The emphasis is to introduce children to the world of fine art and teach them something about another culture.

Youths age 2-9 can participate in the Book Buddies Wednesdays Aug. 2-23 at the WAAF Library. Storytime and crafts will be followed by an opportunity for parents and their children to participate in a field trip or outing to somewhere in the local area. Maps and instructions will be provided to the projected locations and parents can carpool or convoy with the rest of the group or visit separately.

Call mil 337-1740, civ (0611) 705-1740 or mil 334-5210, civ (06133) 69-210.

Mission complete

Teacher returns religious item rescued by grandfather in France during World War I

Christine Havlik Kroseman, a Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe teacher at Hainerberg Elementary School in Wiesbaden completed a mission her grandfather began in World War I.

Havlik Kroseman met June 17 with the Bishop of Verdun, France, to return a clerical vestment her grandfather rescued from a burning church during service in and around St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne, France.

Her grandfather, Frank Havlik, served as a private first class with the 355th Infantry Regiment, 89th Division (the Midwest Division) of the American Expeditionary Force during the war.

Entering a burning church to see if civilians needed help, Havlik came upon an abandoned priest's gold vestment and tucked it into his tunic for good luck.

Apparently the charm worked. Havlik survived the war without a scratch, was promoted to corporal, returned to the United States after demobilization, raised a family and had a career.

He always intended to return the good luck talisman. After Havlik passed away several years ago, his granddaughter took on the mission.

After a visit to the region two years ago, she began to recreate her grandfather's war itinerary with the help of Dr. Dave Theis, assistant principal of Gen. H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden, a retired Army Reserve officer and history



Christine Havlik Kroseman returned this clerical vestment to a church in France.

buff.

With the help of records in the archives of the American Battle Monuments Commission, Theis and Havlik Kroseman reconstructed her grandfather's likely wartime movements.

They deduced he must have fought in the Bois de Bantheville (the Bantheville Woods) and "gone over the top" on Nov. 1, 1918.

They could not identify the exact location of the church, but established a good fix on the region where he served and the rescue must have taken place.

A representative of the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery was to be in attendance when Havlik Kroseman returned the garment her grandfather saved from the flames over 80 years ago.

A final resting place for the vestment is still to be determined. (Story and photo courtesy of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe)

Welcome troops home during airfield celebration

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden hosts a welcome home celebration July 20 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Show support for returning troops from the

1st Military Intelligence Battalion, 635th Movement Control Team, 1-214th Aviation's Company B and 159th Medical Evacuation Company.

A ceremony starts at noon at Minue Field with a celebration from 1-5:30 p.m. behind the Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Families, civilians and Soldiers

can enjoy food, free rides and entertainment.

A fun slide, bull ride, jumping castle and bungee jump will be available.



Denise Wagner helps a student make a treasure bottle during Vacation Bible School June 19 in Dexheim.

Vacation Bible School

Dexheim, Wiesbaden feature summer sessions

Story and photo by
Kelly Deichert

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden
Public Affairs Office

About 70 children went on a "Son Island Adventure" June 19-23 in Dexheim.

During the annual Vacation Bible School, youths age 4 through grade six learned the basic concepts of faith and heard stories of God's love, said Chaplain (Maj.) Dennis Hysom from the 123rd Main Support Battalion. "It's a good chance to impact their lives."

The program is ecumenical and open to children of different faiths, said Michele Puehler, who has organized the fun-filled week for the past 10 years.

She is delighted to offer the program at Anderson Barracks. Before the installation at Bad Kreutznach closed, Dexheim

children were bused there for Vacation Bible School.

Now they have their own program at Dexheim Elementary School.

Children develop a sense of community in a fun, wholesome atmosphere, Puehler said.

The program also gives parents an opportunity to volunteer and enrich the community while spending time with their children, she said. This year more than 20 volunteers, including Soldiers, helped youths make arts and crafts, led discussion groups and told Bible stories with the theme "God's love is giving."

On the first day of VBS, preschool and kindergarten students made treasure bottles using colored sand, beads and

tokens.

Older children read the story of Jesus' birth and discussed his significance in their lives.

"Jesus was special because he was the son of God," said Catherine Bristow.

Students also learned more about each other while listing what they are thankful for, said Maurina Bennett.

Children in the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden also have an opportunity to attend Bible School. Hainerberg Chapel hosts its fiesta-themed Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 7-11. Children age 5 through grade five are welcome. Call mil 335-5248 or civ (0611) 408-0248 for more information.

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Judges needed

Want to be a judge for the 2006 Military Idol Competition at Wiesbaden Army Airfield? Call mil 337-5750 or civ (0611) 705-5750 for information.

Summer bash

Celebrate summer with free chicken, ribs, side dishes and desserts from 2-11 p.m. July 15 at the Kastel Klub, next to the food court at Mainz-Kastel.

10-K run

The Wiesbaden Fitness Center will host a 10-K Run in the Sun at 10 a.m. July 15. Call mil 337-5541 civ (0611) 705-5541 for information.

Golf clinics

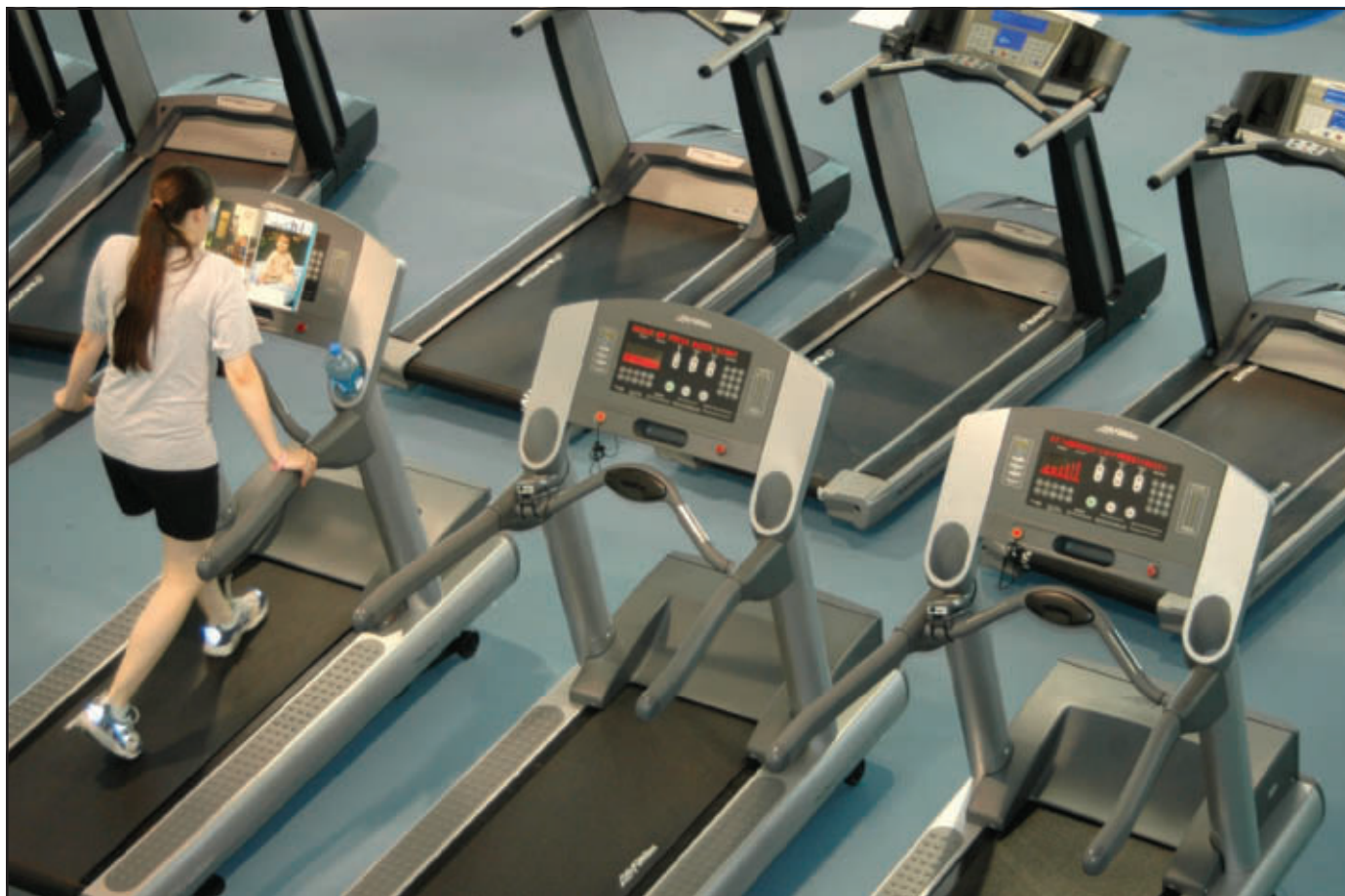
Rheinblick Golf Course offers clinics on fundamentals, swing and putting. Pick up the latest *Connection* magazine for a full schedule.

Indoor flea market

The Community Activity Center hosts an indoor flea market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 15. Rent a table and chairs for \$10. Register by July 14.

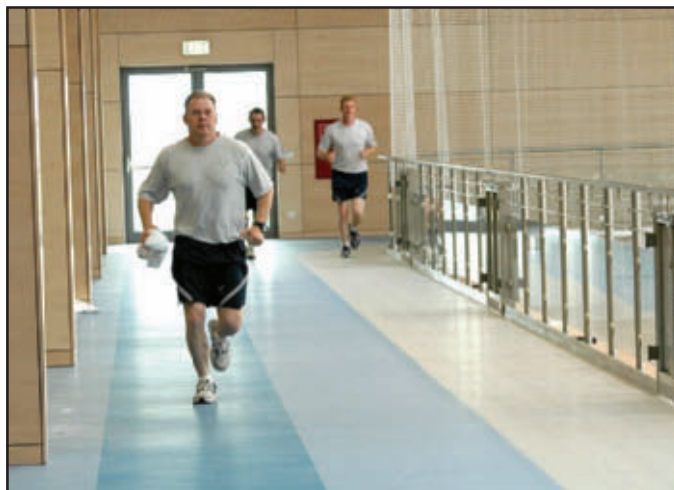
Rhein River cruises

Rhein Main Area USOs offer Rhein River cruises July 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27. Call or stop by the USO.



A runner uses the treadmill at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center on opening day, June 26.

Wiesbaden Fitness Center opens its doors



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People use the running track at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center on opening day.

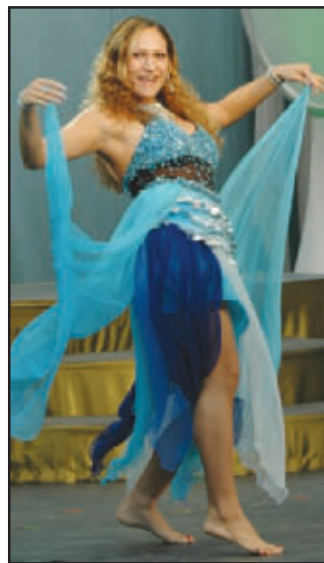


Photo left: Spc. Jessica Solorio, a finance specialist with the 106th Finance Battalion in Würzburg, sings and dances to Shakira's "Hips Don't Lie" June 25 during the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Photo below: The cast performs the opening sequence. The show marked the opening of the fitness center, allowing more than 800 people to get the first look at the new facility. The grand opening will be held Aug. 1.



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News notes

DFAC council

The dining facility advisory council meets at 2 p.m. July 12 at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield DFAC. Its goal is to receive and implement suggestions from dining facility patrons and to better serve the Soldiers residing and working at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Call mil 337-5110/7478 or civ (0611) 705-5110/7478 for information.

Bank hours

Due to employee training, the Community Bank in Dexheim will open at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays through Aug. 17.

AL-ANON meetings

Al-Anon offers support to friends and family members of alcoholics. English-speaking meetings are held at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Birgid Kirche in Wiesbaden.

Parents day off

Child and Youth Services offers parents a day off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 22. Meals will be provided. Hourly rates apply. Call mil 335-5383 or civ (0611) 408-0383.

Technology fair

National Conference Services Inc. brings a technology expo to Wiesbaden Army Airfield's Community Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. July 21.

ACS birthday

Army Community Service celebrates its birthday with activities and free cake and ice cream from 2-4 p.m. July 14 at Building 7790 in Hainerberg Housing. All are invited.

Grand openings

Explore Wiesbaden Army Airfield's new facilities July 26. The grand opening of the new child development center/School-Age Services facility is at 9 a.m. The Wiesbaden Fitness Center opens officially Aug. 1. Both ceremonies include guest speakers, ribbon cuttings and refreshments.

South Dakota bonus

South Dakota is paying a veterans bonus of up to \$500 to certain military personnel who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately before entering the Armed Forces, currently on active duty or who were honorably discharged and served on active duty for certain periods of time. Write to SD Veterans Bonus, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501, call civ (605) 773-7251 or email john.fette@state.sd.us for more information about exact eligibility requirements.

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Giving the gift of life

Staff Sgt. Taylor Tassin from the 141st Signal Battalion gives blood during a drive June 21 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. The staff from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center collected 40 pints of blood. The blood drive, sponsored by the 141st Signal Battalion, supports blood supplies at all medical treatment facilities in Europe, said Sgt. Keith Terry from Landstuhl's Blood Donor Center.

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Cooks trade aprons for battle gear to test



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Pfc. Robert Mahon of Service Battery, 4th Battalion 27th Field Artillery Regiment, participates in the mystery event which consisted of evaluating and treating multiple simulated casualties during the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's Cook of the Quarter competition at Camp Buehring.

This quarter's Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Cook of the Quarter competition started a new tradition in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team stationed at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. For the first time in the brigade's history, food service specialists participated alongside the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter candidates. The cooks not only demonstrated knowledge of their specialty, but were also tested on the same common tasks as the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter participants.

The Cook of the Quarter Board has been a fixture in the 2nd BCT for a long time, but usually tests participants only on food service tasks.

The brigade's deployment to Kuwait has brought new opportunities and perspective, taking the recognition of the best food service specialists in a new direction. "We wanted to do something different, expand from just [food service] specific skills and bring out the best in these Sol-

diers," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Jones, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 47th Forward Support Battalion. "We're not only running the dining facilities, we're maintaining our field equipment at a high state of readiness so we can deploy. We have to be able to

"The competition definitely brought out the best in us. You couldn't just show up at this board; you had to perform."

deploy and feed all the Soldiers in the brigade at very short notice," he said.

Food service specialists participated in a formal board, Army physical fitness test, common task testing, four-mile foot march and stress shoot, and participated in a "mystery task," which had the Soldiers performing a triage, evaluating and treating multiple simulated casualties.

"The competition definitely brought out the best in us. You couldn't just show up at this board; you had to perform," said Spc. Joe Daniels of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment.

The winners of the Cook of

the Quarter board were recognized, along with the Soldier and NCO of the Quarter, at an awards dinner and social after the competition. Winners received the Army Commendation Medal, a commemorative plaque, 2nd BCT coin, a certificate of achievement, Army and Air Force Exchange gift certificates and a pass to Qatar.

Spc. Joe Daniels of HHC, 1-35th Armor, took home Soldier Cook of the Quarter, and Sgt. Ross Hernandez, of HHC, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, was named the NCO Cook of the Quarter. Both will get the opportunity to compete for Cook of the Year honors this summer, and the winner will compete at the division level and possibly higher.

The experience was an opportunity for food service specialists from all over the 2nd BCT to come together to compete and learn. Spc. Kayla Ladroga of HHC, 40th Engineer Battalion, summarized the experience, "If you ever get the opportunity to compete on a board, you should do it. Even if you don't win, it's a great experience."

High school students learn survivability on campus

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder Public Affairs Office

Baumholder's graduating seniors and several juniors are learning survivability on the college campus with the help of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team which sponsored a seminar June 21 titled College 101, Getting In, where students learned the ins and outs of college life.

"The seminar offered students guidance on how to make the transition from high school to college and some of the pitfalls to look out for," said Chris Hitchens, 2nd Brigade Combat Team family readiness support assistant.

The 26 students also received some advice on dealing with "the roommate from hell," social life on college campuses, the dangers of things such as sexually transmitted diseases and alcohol abuse and how to handle being away from home for the first time (the empty nest syndrome.)

Other topics included everything from financial management to transportation.

Hitchens dreamed up the seminar and called on Sarah Dayton from Army Community Service and stateside consultants for assistance.

They talked to students about surviving in the classroom, testing, studying and note taking. There were even tips on how to get good grades without cheating.

For most students it will be their first experience away from home so tips on leaving the nest and what to bring along were also addressed. High on the list of items to take along were things such as the right clothes, dorm accessories and school supplies.

Leaving for college is often an exhilarating experience but students were reminded not to get caught up in the euphoria of the moment and forget where they came from. Maintaining contact with family and friends back home, although not always considered so, is critical to surviving in the college environment, they said.

The first few days on campus are critical and can make or break a student. To avoid falling into the cockroach syndrome of running away from the light of day and hiding in the dorm after class, students were told that they need to make that critical connection early on and find friends to talk to, walk to class with, study with or just have lunch with.

"We had a comfortable turnout," said Hitchens. "We asked the kids at the end of it if we should do it again in the fall and they said 'yeah,' it's something they would love to have again," said Hitchens. A second seminar in the fall would allow the students who left for the summer an opportunity to come back after their break and get the same kind of information.

Hitchens is now looking to expand on the infor-

mation presented in the first seminar.

"This was called College 101, Surviving Your Freshman Year, and we're now looking at College 101, Getting In," said Hitchens. This course would offer information to juniors and the seniors about prepping for SATs, what courses they need to take, how to choose a college and the questions they should ask when they go for interviews. It would also address what essays to write, how to write good college essays and what admission boards are looking for when they accept the students.

"We're probably going to do one catering to the high school freshmen to get them on the right track from day one on what they need to do as far as their curriculum and to get their mind set on going to college," said Hitchens. A time has not been established for this seminar.

"I think overall it was a success. The kids really appreciated it and we had a lot of information, not only for the kids, but for the parents who attended as well. And I think they all really appreciated what we did for them.

"As an FRSA, a lot of times you're focusing on the family members, mostly the spouses and the smaller children. So that's why we came up with this, to give that age group between 16 and 18 an opportunity to get some support from the rear detachment," said Hitchens.

New training aid will help save Soldiers' lives

By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder
Public Affairs Office

Training is the bridge to survivability on the battlefield, and Baumholder's Local Training Area has built a bridge that may someday save a Soldier's life.

Soldiers are now training to protect themselves from overhead threats thanks to the combined efforts of Brett Ritzmann from Baumholder's LTA and Sgt. 1st. Class Gordon Von Hahn, 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery. Together they spearheaded a project to construct an overhead walkway near the Military Operations Urban Terrain village.

Soldiers are now using this training aid to sharpen their reactions and responses against overhead threats. "We hit the project head on, with 1-94th developing and receiving funding from the Global War On Terrorism and the Local Training Area coordinating the design and construction. The result was a training platform that will give Soldiers another edge on the modern battlefield and the ability to train as they fight," said Ritzmann.

"Overhead obstacles pose a constant threat to our deployed military, therefore this particular project was developed from



Photo by Bernd "Bernie" Mai

Jose Larroy (from left), Training Support Division chief, Brett Ritzmann, Local Training Area employee and Maj. Thomas Crowson examine the completed overpass near the Military Operations Urban Terrain village.

lessons learned while Soldiers were deployed, during Individual Readiness Training and from after-action reviews," said Ritzmann.

"This training device exceeds everything we asked for," said Maj. Thomas Crowson, 1-94th FA. His unit has been tasked by 1st Armored Division to conduct Individual Readiness Training for all 1st AD and other units

in the European theater.

"This fabulous training device helps to conduct realistic training and will definitely help to save lives in the future," said Von Hahn.

"The overhead walkway will provide Soldiers multiple training scenarios, while including devices from our Training Aids and Devices section," said Ritzmann. Scenarios can

range from improvised explosive devices to small arms attacks from bridges.

Since improvised explosive devices can be situated almost anywhere, simulated animals will soon be added to the training environment. "Dead animals along the roadside are often used to plant EIDs. The animals are usually cut open and an IED will be placed in

the stomach or elsewhere," said Ritzmann.

"The Global War on Terrorism is a battle we will win, and the working relationship between Training Support Activity Europe and the U.S. military is a combined effort toward this goal," said Ritzmann.

"This new overhead walkway will increase tactics, survivability and effectiveness of warfighter skills," he said.

The overhead walkway is situated on the Tank/Bradley Crew Proficiency Course just below the Military Operations Urban Terrain village. The enemy can attack from above or next to oncoming personnel and vehicles. "Due to the size of the overhead walkway, all military vehicles will have the opportunity to tactically respond to attacks and can provide cover for dismounted troops while they perform combat or recovery missions," said Ritzmann.

The facility may be used by all U.S. Army in Europe units by scheduling the Tank/Bradley Crew Proficiency/Convoy lane through the RFMSS website. More information can be obtained by calling the Local Training Area office at mil 485-7130. Additional training devices can be obtained by calling the Training Aids and Devices branch at mil 485-7322.

Soldier Show captivates Baumholder audience

By Kelsy Hustead

U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder
Public Affairs Office

Members of the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show performed June 15 at the Hall of Champions.

"I love what I do. This is the most rewarding job I have had in my 15-year career in the Army," said Sgt. 1st Class, Robert Isom, noncommissioned officer in charge. "Visiting the injured Soldiers from Iraq at Landstuhl this week was so important to me. It was both a rewarding and moving experience. Just having the opportunity to see them was great."

Beginning rehearsals in March of this year, the troupe's performance featured strong voices and performers singing rhythm and blues, gospel and country music along with new renditions of tunes originally released in the 1960s, coupled with ballroom dancing in a

military storyline.

"We work a lot behind the scenes and don't get to see what the audience always sees, so we really enjoy the feedback that we get from the audience. We also see what an impact we make on the audience. "It is a really good feeling," said 1st Sgt. Tarron Pierce. In her third year with the Army Soldier Show, Pierce described her career by saying, "Just being a Soldier and being a Soldier at heart is the best part of my job."

The crowd lined up to meet the 22-Soldier troupe after the show during an autograph session outside the Hall of Champions. "I like doing this because of these kids. These kids make you feel like a celebrity, and knowing the audience enjoyed what you hoped they would is really important," said Sgt. Alisha Osbourne, a veteran troupe member and a personnel service sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Com-

pany, 98th Division, U.S. Army Reserve New York. Osbourne was encouraged by her unit to try out for the Army Soldier Show.

"The song, 'Win,' tells my story. I am able to do what I want to do in life and give hope to some people," said Pfc. Jong-Baek Yoon about his solo performance. Yoon, from the Republic of Korea, is the first Korean augmentee to perform with the U.S. Army Soldier Show. "It is hard to say in few sentences how I feel but I wanted to sing and perform for the United States Eighth Army," said Yoon.

The troupe is on a six-month tour consisting of about 100 performances on military installations across the United States, Italy and Germany.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Army National Guard has been the primary sponsor and partner of the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

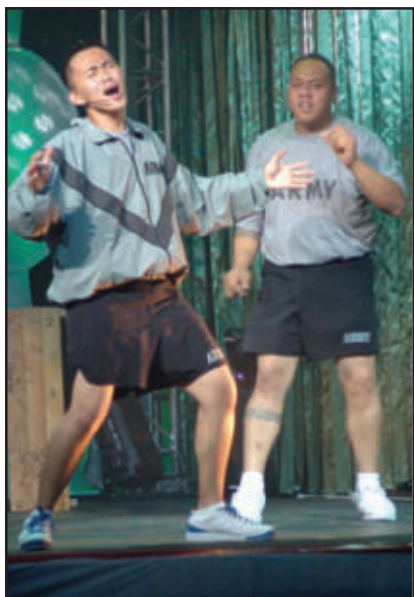


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Spc. Richard Sianoya and Spc. Lucky Tagaloa, perform "We Got Paid" for a full house in Baumholder June 15.



Photo by Kelsy Husted

Maj. Brian T. Myers (left), 8th Finance Battalion, and Chaplain (Col.) James Brown take a close look at one of the chapel's new bells.

Silence is broken

Chapel gets new bells

After 50 years of silence Baumholder's Chapel of the Good Samaritan finally has something to call the military congregations to prayer. The chapel never had bells, but a one-year renovation project added two bells to the chapel. The bells were poured in the Eifel region at one of the few remaining bell foundries in Germany. Both bells are emblazoned with the Chaplains Corps crest.

The chapel has been the focus of numerous religious and cultural activities for five decades. Its annex has served to house the media center during a presidential visit. Former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, her daughter Chelsea and singer Sheryl Crow have attended church services at the chapel.

During this half century, numerous children were baptized and many marriages were conducted at the chapel.

Commenting at the rededication ceremony, Chaplain (Col.) James E. May noted that 23 years ago, Gene Winfree and Claudia Bohnenberger were married at the chapel. Winfree has long since retired from the military and is now serving as the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder civilian misconduct action officer. Winfree was present at the rededication on Corpus Christi Day. Winfree's wife is a native of the nearby town of Freisen.

"Construction began in April 2005," said Tina Lauer. She and Manfred Bombleiter, were responsible for the renovation project.

Blood drive

A community blood drive is scheduled for July 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Hall of Champions. People eligible to donate include active duty members, family members and civilians.

Personal claims

Anyone having claims against the estates of Spc. Robert E. Blair or Pfc. Brett L. Tribble who died June 2 in Iraq may contact 1st. Lt. Ruben Toledo at mil 485-6500.

Anyone having claims against the estate of Pvt. David M. Crombie may contact Warrant Officer 1 Dorian Bozza at mil 485-7593.

Persons who may have claims against the estate of 1st. Lt. Scott Love

may contact Capt. George Brooks III at mil 485-9784.

Vet clinic open evenings

The veterinary clinic will be holding evening clinics on a walk-in basis July 11, 18 and 25 from 5-7:30 p.m. for vaccinations and health certificates only. The veterinary clinic is located behind the health clinic in Building 8758.

Officer candidate board

The next Officer Candidate School board is July 25 at 8 a.m. in the U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder Director-

Army Community Service

Army Community Service is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be reached at civ (06783) 6-8188 or mil 485-8188.

Army Community Service offers the following classes in July:

July 7, 25, Resumix and Employment orientation, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 10, 11, 12, R.O.C.K. (Relocate, Orientate, Communicate and Know), 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July 11, Resume and Cover Letter workshop, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 13, Sponsorship Training, 2-3:30 p.m.

July 13, Interviewing Techniques, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 18, Dress for Success, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

July 18, Exceptional Family Member Program, Asthma Care Class, 5:30 p.m.

July 19, 25, Successful Money Management, 2-4 p.m.

July 21, Anyone Without Little Ones, noon to 1 p.m.

July 24, Smooth Moves for PCSing, 2-3 p.m.

July 26, Community Information, Rheinlander Convention Center, 10 a.m.

Family oriented

Family Advocacy and New Parent Support offers the following classes:

Mondays and Fridays, Infant Play group (up to 12 months), Iron Kids Playground, 9-10 a.m.

Mondays and Fridays, Parent and Tot Playgroup (birth to preschool), Iron Kids Playground, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, *Grupo de Juego para madres/padres y niños*, Iron Kids Playground, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fridays, Anger-Free Living, 9-11 a.m.

Nurturing programs

Learn positive parenting techniques and alternatives to physical discipline.

Children and parents attend at the same time in separate classes. There are four separate nurturing classes offered: pre-natal, toddler to school (up to age 5), school age (6-12 years), and teenage (13-18 years). Call the Family Advocacy Program at mil 485-8188 for information and to register for the next available classes.

Potty training classes

Potty training classes are held once a month. For details call Silvia Emond at mil 485-6931/8188.

Expectant parents

Expectant Parent classes are: labor and delivery, breastfeeding, and newborn care.

Classes are offered as home visits. Call Glorian Chedhade at mil 485-6931/8188 to schedule a home visit.

Anyone Without Little Ones

Join this new, adventurous support group to share ideas for programs, trips and gatherings for the members in the community who don't have young children.

Let's R.O.C.K.

Make new friends and learn about German customs and culture by participating in the Army Community Service Relocate, Orientate, Communicate and Know, or R.O.C.K. program. Learn about shopping on the economy, mass transit, the history of Baumholder and paying German bills. For information call mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Relocation sponsorship

Help newcomers feel welcome and informed by becoming a sponsor. The Army Community Service sponsorship program outlines the responsibilities of a sponsor and provides the information and tools to assist newcomers. For more information call ACS at mil 485-8188 or civ (06783) 6-8188.

Youth sports needs help

Baumholder's Child and Youth Services is looking for volunteers interested in conducting and assisting with summer youth sports clinics to include: basketball, soccer, football and cheerleading.

Interested people may contact mil 485-7276 or stop by the Youth Sports Office located in the second floor of Building 8743.

Customs hours

The Baumholder Customs Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The office is located in Building 8724 and is closed on all U.S. federal holidays and German holidays.

News briefs

Rolling Hills Athletic Club and Pool

The Rolling Hills Athletic Club is located in upper Wetzell and includes an indoor pool and fitness center. It is open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. There are daily, monthly and quarterly membership rates available for individuals or families. Call the RHAC for information on pricing, at civ (06783) 6-6156 or mil 485-6156.

Family swim night is offered every Friday from 5-8 p.m. at \$1 per person.

Martial arts

The Art of Stick Fighting will be offered for adults 18 years and older at the Rolling Hills Athletic Club beginning Aug. 1. The 12-week course will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at the RHAC from 6:30-8 p.m., and the final class is Oct. 19. The cost is \$160 for all sessions. Registration runs through July 27. Call the RHAC at civ (06783) 6-6156 or mil 485-6156 to register.

Self-defense

A women's self-defense course for ladies 18 years and older begins Aug. 7. The 12-week course focuses on building confidence and self-esteem. Class begins Aug. 7 and will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the RHAC from 6:45-7:45 p.m. The final class will be Oct. 25. The cost is \$130 for all sessions. Registration runs through Aug. 3. Call civ (06783) 6-6156 or mil 485-6156.

Personal training

Personal training is now offered at the RHAC on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. One hour for club member costs \$20. Non-club members pay \$35 for a one-hour session. A personal training package is available for \$95 and includes one-month individual membership to Rolling Hills Athletic Club and four personal training sessions. For information call mil 485-6156 or civ (06783) 6-6156.

Fitness classes

The following fitness classes are offered at the RHAC:

- Monday, Wednesday,

Happenings



Photos by Kelsy Husted

Soccer fever

Baumholder's younger crowd were not immune to soccer fever, still raging in Germany. In inset above, members of the New York Fire Department Soccer Team talk to Baumholder students about the basics of the game. The firefighters conducted soccer clinics and wrapped up their visit with a scrimmage.

spinning, 5:30 p.m. Tickets for spinning classes cost \$4 each or 10 for \$30. Tickets may be purchased at Rolling Hills Athletic Club or Mountaineer Gym.

● For July, yoga, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. Yoga classes are free for a limited time.

Wellness massage

Relax with a certified masseuse at the RHAC for \$40 for a 60-minute session. Call mil 485-6156 or civ (06783) 6-6156 for appointments. Ask about the new mommy-to-be massage.

Mountaineer

The Mountaineer Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; holidays, Saturday, Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may be reached at civ (06783) 6-7418 or mil 485-7418.

The following programs are offered at the Mountaineer Fitness center, Building 8220:

Aerobics

- Monday, Wednesday, 9 a.m.

- Friday, circuit, 9 a.m.

Tickets for aerobics classes cost \$4 each or 10 for \$30. Tickets may be purchased at Rolling Hills Athletic Club or Mountaineer Gym.

Softball schedule

The following softball games are scheduled for July and August:

July 8, Iron Soldier field II, Baumholder vs. Ramstein, 11 a.m.

July 22, Baumholder vs. Schinnen (host)

July 29, IS field II, Baumholder vs. Mannheim, 11 a.m.

Aug 12, Baumholder vs. Shape (host).

Hall of Champions

The Hall of Champions is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call civ (06783) 6-7176/366-615 or mil 485-7176.

Arts and Crafts

Keepsake Arts and Crafts is located in Building 8895 in Wetzell Housing inside the

Rolling Hills Athletic Club building. The center is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Monday, closed. Call civ (06783) 6-6687 or mil 485-6687. The center offers the following programs:

Framing, engraving

Check out the new framing supplies and larger inventory for all your unit's needs.

Instructional classes

Stained glass, quilting, sewing, knitting, bead making, cake decorating, scrapbook, watercolor may be available. Instructors are also needed. Please call mil 485-6687 for details.

Photo Studio

The studio is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Photos sessions are available by appointment. A \$10 sitting fee will be charged.

Photo packages are available including Baby's First Year package.

For an appointment call mil 485-6687 or contact Tiffany

Goodrow at civ (06783) 185-6041.

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation is located in Building 8167 and may be reached at civ (06783) 6-7182 or mil 485-7182.

The Pro Shop is open Monday through Sunday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Paintball Field is open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rental guns are \$15 per set. \$9 for field fee using your marker.

Recreation trips

Outdoor Recreation offers the following trips and activities in July:

July 8, mystery trip

July 9, fishing trip

July 15, Phantasialand

July 15, Paris Express

July 16, Six Flags, Holland

July 21-23, Austria Express, Sound of Music

July 22, fishing trip

July 29, wine fest, Traben Trarbach-Mosel Valley

July 30, kayak and canoe, Sauer River.

Party on

Looking for a place to host a party or unit function? Baumholder Outdoor Recreation has the solution. Ask about their party room rental with prices starting at \$25.

Trap, skeet range

The trap and skeet range is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rental guns are available and range prices start at \$4.50 for 25 birds.



Trinity Baptist Church

"Come Celebrate Jesus!"

9:30 A.M. — Family Bible Studies

10:45 A.M. — Morning Worship /Children's Church

5:30 P.M. — Awana Clubs

www.trinitybaptistbaumholder.com



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(near Netto and Norma)**

Horse racing in Siena

Visitors treated to pageantry, breakneck competition at Palio

By Alice Verberne
U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Marketing Division

A wave of adrenaline electrifies the crowd as the mad dash begins. The contest is short and fast. It's all over in about 75 seconds, but in that time, 10 horses run three laps around the Piazza del Campo cutting the sharp turns around the Magia Tower.

It is an intense experience, and the excitement is infectious.

This is no Kentucky Derby. It is Siena's "Palio delle Contrade," a traditional bareback horse race held every year since 1656. Nowadays, the race is held every July 2 and Aug. 16 on a temporary clay track constructed in the Piazza del Campo.

Located in the center of town, this 14th-century piazza is considered one of Europe's most beautiful squares and is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage Site.

Tourists will have the opportunity to witness parading and posturing that is second to none — colorful costumes, banner waving and the thrill of victory.

The winner is awarded a banner of painted silk, called the "palio." The victorious horse is so venerated that in previous years it was brought into the winning neighborhood's church to be blessed. This is quite a sight to witness as flag-waving supporters follow the entourage of village people trailing into the church behind the horse.

According to organizers and popular myth, the event is full of rivalry and vengeful activity. Injuries to horses and jockeys are frequent, especially around the notorious San Martino corner. Jockeys are permitted to whip competitors and their horses in an attempt to get around first. In one race a horse hit the base of the tower on the second lap; fell, pinning the rider underneath. The animal then jumped up and continued to run around the track. If the riderless horse had crossed the finish line first (with its head ornaments intact), it would have won the race even though it had

no rider. Each jockey and horse represents one of the town's districts called "contrades" in Italian. The residents of Siena divide the town into 17 rival neighborhoods, and 10 of these wards participate in the race. This rivalry is known throughout Italy, and many say this competitive nature defines the character of its inhabitants.

Colorful districts

The city streets are decorated in coats of arms, colors and mascots that define each area. Flags, banners, wall torches and relief sculptures distinguish the sections of each district by colors and symbols. Horse and rider are dressed in the colors and arms of their district. The names of each area are the Aquila (eagle), Bruco (caterpillar), Chiocciola (snail), Civetta (owl), Drago (dragon), Giraffa (giraffe), Istrice (porcupine), Leocorno (unicorn), Lupa (wolf), Nicchio (shell), Oca (goose), Onda (wave), Pantera (panther), Selva (forest), Tartuca (tortoise), Torre (tower) and Valdimontone (ram).

The race may be the high point of the festivities, but it is not the only event. Listen for the drums at the height of the day heralding the pre-race celebrations. The preceding pa-

rade that winds throughout the town attempts to recreate the costumes and entertainment that roughly coincide with the time of the medieval crusades.

Trumpeters, jesters and jugglers entertain alongside a procession of flag-twirling standard-bearers who put on a dazzling show of precision baton tossing. During the march, delegations of all the neighborhoods wind through the streets. Drummers follow, their sound pulsating through the city. Horses, draped as if about to embark on a crusade, carry elegantly costumed riders with elaborate headdresses. Participants sing in the street, as they follow the procession into the Piazza del Campo.

The race may be observed free of charge by standing in the piazza. It affords a good vantage point, but it's crowded and hot. The greatest disadvantage is that fences are closed before the pageant (at about 4:30 p.m.) and it is impossible to leave the center until the race is completed (at about 8 p.m.). Since the piazza is in the sun most of the afternoon, those who stand should stock up on bottled drinks.

Onlookers may also reserve a seat in the grandstand. Most seats belong to residents by birthright, but those who would like to sit in this area can purchase tickets (from a travel agent well in advance) at about €100 each. Expect to pay more for better seats (the best are on the southwest corner of the Campo, which is the first corner of the Campo to receive the afternoon shade). It is also possible to rent private homes owned by people who host visitors.

After the race settle in at one of the many family trattorias (family restaurants) for a Tuscan meal and to watch reruns of the race on television. Viewers get a seemingly endless rerun of the mad dash while locals commiserate or celebrate. To the Sienese, Il Palio is a race that never ends.

Siena is located southeast of Livorno and Camp Darby. Visitors can take a day's drive to Siena or seek accommodations in Siena.



Photo by Karl Weisel

Jockeys will race feverishly around the Piazza del Campo during the Palio delle Contrade on Aug. 16.



Travelers get a waterfront view of Venice courtesy of the steady strokes of a gondolier.

Fantastic works at Da Vinci Museum

By Susan Huseman
U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Public Affairs Office

If "The Da Vinci Code" has sparked an interest in Leonardo Da Vinci's artistic works, the Leonardo Museum in Vinci offers a glimpse of the man as a visionary.

Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo, is 28 miles from Florence. This quiet hamlet perched on a hilltop is famous for olive oil, Chianti wine and, of course, all things Da Vinci.

Visitors won't find the Mona



Lisa or the Last Supper in this 11th century medieval castle. Instead its exhibits are dedicated to the machines inspired by Da Vinci's drawings.

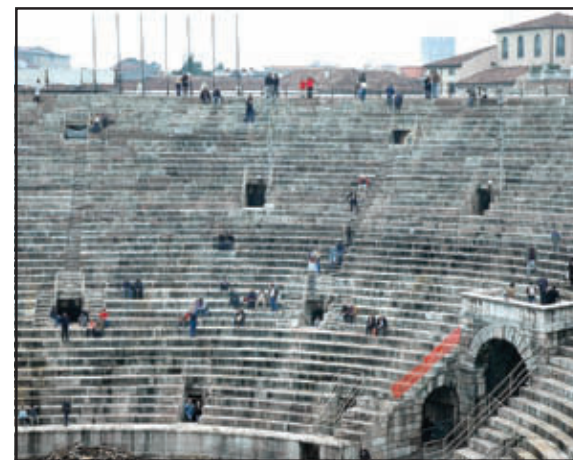
The Leonardo Museum is filled with more than 30 exhibits featuring working models based on copies of Da Vinci's sketches. Military machines such as machine guns and tanks, flying machines, building-construction machines and instruments for scientific use are brought to life here. Some of the more interesting exhibits are those of the diving equipment and, of course, Leonardo's flying machine,

essentially a large set of wings.

Could the machines have really worked? Probably not, but the great artist certainly had brilliant intuition for what was to come in the centuries that followed.

While at the museum one can take in the beauty of the Tuscan countryside from the castle walls. Visitors can also take a three-kilometer hike to Leonardo's birth home. It was restored in 1986 and adds a finishing touch to a tour of the museum.

The Leonardo Museum, located in the Castello dei Conti Guidi, is open everyday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Readers can find out more at www.leonet.it/comuni/vinci.



Built originally in the 1st Century by the Romans, Verona's Arena lost parts of its outside walls in a 12th-century earthquake. Photo left: pigeons welcome sightseers to St. Mark's Square in Venice.

MWR helps in exploring Italy

Army lodging available in Camp Darby and Vicenza

Story and photos by
Karl Weisel
U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army in Europe may be shrinking through transformation, but travelers will still find a wealth of Morale Welfare and Recreation support to help them enjoy a vacation in northern Italy.

Whether staying at the Sea Pines Resort on Camp Darby near Livorno and relaxing on the American-run beach or stopping at Vicenza for travel tips and supplies before exploring the Veneto region, one will discover a host of services and support. Everything from Outdoor Recreation, commissaries and PXs to the Information, Tours and Registration Office can help make a trip to Italy affordable and easy to plan.

Travelers seeking a place to stay while visiting such noted Italian cities as Florence, Siena or Pisa, the islands of Elbe or Sardinia, the walled city of Lucca or the famed Cinque Terre villages will find a welcome oasis in Camp Darby.

Accommodations at the U.S. Army camp's Sea Pines Lodge recreational facilities range from small apartments to camping under tall pine trees with a range of shower facilities and nearby eateries. Go sightseeing in the morning,

relax on the American beach at Tirrenia in the afternoon, have an evening meal in the nearby town of Pisa and then head back to Camp Darby for a good night's sleep under the tall pines.

Before leaving for Italy by car, train or on a flight into the nearby Galileo Airport at Pisa, make sure to call the Sea Pines at mil 633-7225 or civ (0039) 050-547 225 to make reservations and to get more information about services available on Camp Darby.

Those who would prefer visiting Venice, Verona and the other sights of the Veneto Region might want to consider making Vicenza their home base during a visit. At Camp Ederle, visitors will find a food mall, tours office, Outdoor Recreation, Army lodging at the Ederle Inn and various other amenities.

A short train ride from Vicenza takes one across the Veneto region and a causeway directly into the watery city of Venice. Step off the train and begin wandering along the

Grand Canal to immerse yourself in the centuries-old ambience of a city renowned for gondolas, sinking palaces, great works of art, glass-blowing, maze-like passageways and squares overrun by pigeons.

To get an introduction to the city consider catching a ride on a vaporetto — a water bus — for a waterfront view of Venice's famed barber pole pylons and its stately architecture. After getting lost many times while strolling from one piazza to another, stop for a plate of spaghetti vongole (spaghetti with clams) washed down with some of the local grape and chased by a strong cup of espresso before moving on to the next attraction.

While summer is probably not the best time to visit Venice's most famous attractions — St. Mark's Basilica or the Doge's Palace (the lines are hours long) — there are plenty of other museums such as the Galleria Dell'Accademia and Guggenheim, and sights guaranteed to make your time



Italy's famed cliffside towns of Cinque Terra are within an easy drive of Camp Darby, Italy.

well spent.

When the fortunes of Venice declined several centuries ago, its citizens were quick to realize the touristic value of its unique appearance. While the city has long attracted visitors from around the globe, many of the local merchants invested their money in land and villas farther inland.

The rolling hills in and around Vicenza and in much of the Veneto region are rich in striking villas and churches, many of them designed by 16th century architect Andrea Palladio.

A short drive or an MWR trip from Vicenza takes one to visit the grappa distilleries and Palladio's famed wooden bridge over the Brenta River in Bassano Del Grappa, the Roman Arena in Verona or the castle and wineries in Soave. After climbing the hundreds of steps of the 1st century amphitheater in Verona wander over to the Casa di Giulietta to examine a statue of Shakespeare's star-crossed lover and the graffiti missives scrawled by hundreds of visitors. Or hop back in the car for a drive through the vine covered hills and medieval towns overlooking Lake Garda.

Stop by Camp Ederle's Information, Tours and Registration Office in Building 249 to ask about other sights in the area and upcoming tours. Visit www.vicenzamwr.com/visitors.html for more information and links to local services. More information about exploring northern Italy is also available at your local library or SatoTravel Office.

Giessen pitcher shines on Little League all-star team

By Alexandra Williams

U.S. Army Garrison Giessen Public Affairs Office

A 12-year-old boy from Giessen took the chance to shine during the 2006 Germany Little League District Championship June 20-25 in Ramstein.

Shawn Goodwin, pitcher for the U.S. Army Garrison Giessen Child and Youth Services Bantam team, was selected in May to play for the Wiesbaden all-star team during the tournament.

"It was unexpected and I was surprised when I was asked if I wanted to be part of the team," Goodwin said.

"It was the only time we played there and it was one of the two games we lost this season," he said.

Coaches for the Little League all-star team were scouting for talent during regular Child and Youth Services season games, according to Shawn's father and Giessen Bantam team coach Staff Sgt. Kevin Goodwin from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Giessen.

"I knew before the game that the Little League coaches were looking at our players during the Wiesbaden game, but I didn't tell the boys before because I didn't want them to be intimidated," he said.

The three coaches at the game made positive comments about Shawn, said Goodwin.

"I thought 'that's neat,' and when they selected him I was so excited that I had to call my dad," Goodwin added.

Shawn was the only boy selected from Giessen. The other team members were from Hanau and Wiesbaden.



Photo by Alexandra Williams

Giessen's Shawn Goodwin was part of the Wiesbaden all-star baseball team that participated in this year's Germany Little League District Championship in Ramstein.

"When I told my friends they thought I was joking. And when they realized it was true they started teasing me, but that's OK," Shawn said.

Shawn was able to attend three practices with the team before the competition.

"At first I thought it would be hard because I didn't know the other players. Then I got really excited about the tournament and playing with the team," Shawn said before the tournament.

During the week the boys played six games in

three days while the championship took place on the weekend. In order to play at all the games Shawn had to play in many different positions, he said.

"That's not a problem for me," he said.

"If we win we would go on to the European Championships in Poland. Should we win in Poland we would go to the Little League Baseball World Series Championship in the States," he said.

"I am not thinking about it at the moment. I take one game after the next and build up on it," Shawn explained.

Luck was not on the team's side because while they won the games throughout the week they lost the championship game and came in second for the Germany Little League Districts.

While Shawn was not available for an interview upon deadline his all-star team coach Tim Hale wrote in an email:

"Shawn's a great kid. He batted lead-off for us in one of the games and came up with some key hits," he wrote.

"His biggest contributions came in the field where he was our outfield leader and played every inning of every game in centerfield and played great," Hale continued.

Shawn's family is just as proud of him, said Goodwin.

"We are very proud of him. He pitched a perfect game this season," Kevin Goodwin said.

One reason is that Shawn matured a lot as a pitcher in the past year, according to his father.

"He was right on this year," Goodwin said.

Make barbecue safety an essential part of fun always

By Helmut Schartel

U.S. Army Garrison Giessen
Safety Office

Barbecuing is an all-time favorite pastime we enjoy with family and friends. However, applying risk management is essential and prevents accidents.

Following are a few basic safety tips:

➔ Gas grills — If you smell gas there may be a leak. Do not start the grill until you run a safety check and know there are no problems. If your grill needs repair have a professional do the job.

➔ Charcoal grills — Make sure you allow enough time for your charcoal to warm up. There are ways to speed up the process. Charcoal is often pre-soaked with quick start chemicals. Do not add your own "quick start" such as lighter fluid or gasoline. Many injuries have been caused by a sudden flame burst from add-

ing one of these. Flames can quickly get out of hand or you could receive serious burns.

➔ Any type of grill attracts children. Never leave a grill unattended even for only a minute or some little one may decide to "help you." Children may knock the grill over, or they may touch it and receive serious burns.

➔ Never move outdoor grills into the garage or other enclosed area. Remember that within minutes, smoldering charcoal can build up a lethal concentration of carbon monoxide. Even with an open window the fumes can kill.

➔ When cleaning up never put ashes or briquettes in a cardboard carton or other combustible container; they could ignite.

For more summer safety information check the U.S. Army Garrison Giessen website at www.giessen.army.mil or call mil 343-1670.



Photo by Alexandra Williams

Exploring crafts, nature this summer

Youngsters practice their woodworking skills during this year's Library Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." The program is designed for children from kindergarten through sixth grade and is open until July 29. Special activities are held every Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. at the Giessen Library and include woodworking, crafts and learning about nature. A trip to an animal farm takes place July 12, and the July 19 theme is "Jungle Sounds." The grand finale with certificates and prizes will be held July 26. For more information call the Giessen Library at mil 343-1740.

Giving less fortunate a better future

Butzbach students send Ethiopian girls to school

By Alexandra Williams
U.S. Army Garrison Giessen
Public Affairs Office

Two Ethiopian girls have a chance for a better future thanks to the Butzbach Student Council. On the last day of school June 15 the students gave \$376 to principal Sue Morin for the "Children of Ethiopia Education Fund."

"COEEF sponsors school tuition, supplies and uniforms for Ethiopian girls who otherwise wouldn't have a chance for education," explained Alisha Perkins, first-grade teacher and council adviser.

Opportunities, especially educational, for girls in Africa are limited. Most girls are forced to drop out of school when they are 12 years old and are expected to tend to chores, siblings and domestic duties, according to the COEEF.

The donated money was raised throughout the year.

"Usually the Student Council works on school improvement. They also raise money to buy equipment for the school like bike racks or balls," Perkins said.

The council organized fundraisers such as Christmas cards, Plant-4-Mom and other things, said sixth-grader Janee' Franklin, council secretary.

"After we had the money we talked about what to buy with it. We also discussed donating the money to the local Tierheim (animal shelter) or to the victims of Hurricane Katrina," Franklin said.

"Then Ms. Morin told us about Ethiopia and that she supports a girl there. After some research we decided to help so more girls have a chance for a better future and because everyone deserves an education," she explained.



Photo by Alexandra Williams

Butzbach Student Council members (back row) Janee' Franklin, Jazmine Sinclair, Katie Zwiebel, (front) Chrisshera Mills and Sianna Robertson.

"Education is important because then you can help others," continued sixth-grader and council president Jazmine Sinclair.

"In a brochure it said when girls get an education they will improve the lives of their children. That is not always happening when only the boys are educated," she said. "We also learned more about the country. Boys are favored over girls. They have a lot of problems like poverty. So parents don't send their daughters to school. Sometimes girls have to work shining shoes of the boys at school to earn money to pay for school," Sinclair said.

The project taught the students about the privileges they enjoy as Americans, according to sixth-grader and council member Katie Zwiebel.

"We didn't know that children in other parts of the world can't go to school. I thought it's like in the U.S.

where you have to send your kids to school or you get punished," she said.

"I realized that we are luckier than kids in other countries," Zwiebel said.

Third-grader and council member Chrisshera Mills was not only surprised by the educational discrimination of girls. "In Ethiopia many girls are forced into marriage. I would not like it if my parents wouldn't let me go to school and told me I had to get married. I am glad they don't see me as a burden," she said.

"I am excited that we can help. And I think it's so much better to spend money helping others than to buy things," Mills stated.

After the two girls that will be supported are identified, the students will get a letter and a photo, said fourth-grader Sianna Robertson, another council member.

"If we can write them a letter I will

ask them if they like school and tell them to pay attention in school and to live the life they want to live," she said.

The project not only educated the students.

"If we all would give up the pizza or pop we consume when we go to the movies, we could easily support a girl for one year," said Janine Zwiebel.

"It's just 50 cents a day put to the side and you can enable a girl without a chance to get an education and a chance for a better life," Zwiebel said.

"I am glad they chose to support the program. Hopefully it will have a ripple effect and those two girls will educate their children. I am happy the kids decided to help others that are less fortunate instead of buying something for themselves," said Jazmine's mother Beverly Sinclair.

"It's a great project. I've heard that the children in Ethiopia can't even buy lunch that only costs 50 cents a day," said Janee's mother Wanda Franklin.

"After learning more about the program I am looking into contributing to the fund myself," she added.

"I was surprised and did not expect something like that," said Jazmine's older sister Lashun Franklin, a substitute teacher at the school.

"They could have easily voted on buying equipment for the playground or other things. But they decided to help girls who are not as lucky. It's such a mature decision, and I am so proud of them," she said.

The approval of parents encouraged Perkins to try to continue support of the COEEF.

"I wish and hope that we could come up with an additional \$300, because then we could also pay one year of medical assistance for the girls," Perkins said.

More information about the COEEF can be found at www.coeef.org.

ACS calendar ... ACS calendar

Homecoming reunion training

Family members and Family Readiness Group leaders are encouraged to contact their local Army Community Service to register for the Successful Homecoming Reunion Training for Spouses class. Classes can be scheduled for daytime or evenings to ensure maximum participation. Reunion training provides family members with resources they'll need for personal reintegration after Soldiers return from deployment. The training highlights changes associated with redeployment, expectations, communications, and the signs and symptoms of distress. Call mil 343-7618.

Parenting classes

ACS hosts **Parenting** classes upon request. The classes cover communication, motivation, discipline and sibling rivalry. Also available are **Children and Separation** classes. Participants learn about stages of development, normal emotional reaction, activities and suggestions, research and factors in successful coping for children. For details call mil 343-7618.

Parent and Me Playtime

Parent and Me Playtime is hosted every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in Building 12 in Giessen and every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Butzbach Outreach Center.

Socials and support groups

The **Heart to Heart Internet Cafe** in the Butzbach Outreach center is open Monday to Friday from 8:15-10 a.m. Community members are invited for free Internet service and a cup of coffee or tea. **Second Cup of Coffee** is hosted Monday in Friedberg and Wednesday at the Giessen ACS from 9-10 a.m. The program is designed as a break from work or out of the house to meet new friends and enjoy folks from the community. Call ACS in Friedberg at mil 324-3465, in Giessen at mil 343-7618 or in Butzbach at civ (06033) 925 329.

Community spotlight

ACS birthday July 14

The Army Community Service in Giessen hosts an ACS birthday celebration July 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to celebrate with the staff and enjoy some cake and punch. For details call mil 343-7218.

School registration

Registration for the upcoming school year continues at Butzbach Elementary School. All new and returning students must reregister before Aug. 28 when the new school year starts in order to guarantee classroom placement. Returning students need to bring immunization records and a current or updated copy of the sponsor's orders. New students are asked to bring the child's passport or birth certificate, the updated immunization record, an updated copy of the sponsor's orders with the child's name on it and the academic school records from previous schools (if applicable). For information call the school registrar Sarah Gersper at civ (06033) 74520.

ACAP

The Army Career and Alumni Program hosts a **Resume Writing** seminar July 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. For details or to register call mil 343-9332.



Photo courtesy of Giessen Sports Office

Baumholder beats Giessen

The Baumholder Women's Community Baseball Team and the Giessen Lady Knights meet in Giessen to play a doubleheader with Baumholder leading both games from the beginning. The Lady Knights made a strong comeback in both games, but Giessen could not keep up with Baumholder's strong sluggers. Final scores were 16-11 and 17-12 in favor of Baumholder.

Parent's Night Out

The next Parent's Night Out will be held at the Bad Nauheim Child Development Center July 14 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for CDC-age children and \$12 for School-Age Service-age children. Service includes dinner and snacks. For more information call

mil 343-8216/7028.

Tennis courts available

The tennis courts of the Miller Hall Fitness Center and the Friedberg Fitness Center are ready and open for the summer season. For information call in Giessen mil 343-7201 or in Friedberg call mil 324-3155.

Jobs in Butzbach, Giessen

The Butzbach Elementary School is hiring substitute teachers, para-educators, administrative assistants and clerical support for the upcoming school year. For information regarding these vacancies call Gwen Butler at civ (06033) 74520 or stop by the school to pick up an application. The schools in Giessen seek substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Call Giessen Elementary School at civ (0641) 46265 or Giessen High School at civ (0641) 48576.

Preschool screenings

The Butzbach Elementary School hosts Preschool Child Development screenings late August and early September. The program is geared toward children age 3-5 who have language, cognitive, fine/gross motor, social/emotional and or hearing/vision delays. The screening is open to families having concerns regarding their preschooler's developmental milestones. To set up an appointment call the school at civ (06033) 74520.

Sure Start applications

The Giessen and Butzbach Elementary Schools are still accepting applications for the Sure Start Program. Children in a family with lower enlisted or civilian grade income have priority. For more information call the Giessen

Elementary School at civ (0641) 46265 or the Butzbach Elementary School at civ (06033) 74520.

Youth soccer

The U.S. Soccer Olympic Development Program Wiesbaden District provides soccer training for youths age 6-18. The program covers the Wiesbaden, Darmstadt, Hanau, Giessen and Frankfurt areas. Those interested can attend free practice July 9 from 2-4 p.m. at Hainerberg Mudflats in Wiesbaden. Weekly soccer camps will be held July 10 to Aug. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$120. Tryouts for the team will be held Sept. 10 from 2-5 p.m. For information call Wolfgang Paa, director of coaching, at civ (0176) 502 050 91 or (0163) 130 9795.

HERO Act approved

The HERO Act (Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities) was signed into law May 29. The act amends current Internal Revenue code to allow Soldiers serving in a tax exclusion zone to contribute to Individual Retirement Accounts. Until passage of this act, Soldiers serving in combat zones were prohibited from contributing to IRAs because they did not have taxable earnings. The act is retroactive to tax year 2004, which allows Soldiers to go back to that tax year and contribute to their IRAs. This was an issue at this year's USAG Giessen AFTB conference. For more information call Zach Bonaparte, financial readiness program manager at the USAG Giessen Army Community Service, at mil 343-8075.

Task Force Ready hotline

The Task Force Ready hotline can be reached at civ (06031) 81-3831 or mil 324-3831.

Learning about Germany

Families Learning About Germany class takes place every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Giessen ACS. Selected agencies informally brief programs throughout the first day. On the first and third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. a comprehensive bus and walking tour of Giessen, Butzbach, Bad Nauheim and Friedberg is offered with selected stops in each community. ACS offers paid child care, giveaways, breakfast, lunch, networking and empowerment. For details call mil 343-7618.

Motorcycle safety training

Motorcycle safety training will be held July 21 at 9 a.m. at the motor pool, Building 156, on the Giessen Depot. Call mil 343-1670 or civ (0641) 402 1670 for more information.

Victim advocate corner

Brain tease from the victim advocate

Learning about domestic violence does not have to be boring or not applicable to your lifestyle.

This week's advice from the victim advocate is aimed at educating you as well as testing your brainpower by unscrambling some of the words commonly associated with domestic violence.

Have fun with this game and familiarize yourself with some important terms. Compete with a friend to see who comes up with the most correct answers.

Hint: think about types of injuries, types of abuse, who is involved, the cycle of violence, how the victim feels, etc.

Unscramble the words below:

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The answers will be revealed in the next victim advocate corner.

Avian flu restrictions lifted in Hessen

By Alexandra Williams

U.S. Army Garrison Giessen Public Affairs Office

The state of Hessen has lifted its restrictions and precautions regarding the avian or bird flu that were implemented mid-February. Those measures were taken after several dead swans infected with the dangerous H5N1 virus were found on Rügen, an island in the northeast of Germany. Soon after eight more federal states in Germany reported cases of the bird flu.

Avian influenza is an infection caused by avian (bird) influenza (flu) viruses. These influenza viruses occur naturally among birds. Wild birds worldwide carry the viruses in their intestines, but usually do not get sick from them, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The German government took several precautionary measures to prevent an epidemic or pandemic, according to Rainer Hoffman, first responder at the U.S. Army Garrison Giessen Fire Department.

"Hessen has not been a restricted area and no cases have been reported. But all 16 German states had to implement the preventive measures," explained Hoffmann.

These measures included quarantining chickens, geese and ducks to their barns. The government also issued an appeal to the public to report any incident where a large number of dead birds was discovered to local authorities.

Specially trained personnel

In USAG Giessen, Fire Department personnel were specially trained and equipped to handle potentially infected birds.

"The avian flu pertains to water fowl and birds of prey. This includes geese, ducks, swans, but also hawks, falcons, eagles, owls and the like," said Karl-Heinz Rahn, chief of the U.S. Army Garrison Giessen Fire Department. It is important to note that local birds such as pigeons, blackbirds, thrush and woodpeckers are excluded from the watch list of susceptible birds provided by the German government, said Rahn.

Since reports of the avian flu in parts of Germany, the Military Police and fire station had received numerous calls daily — some from panicked community members — to remove birds that have died

of natural causes, accidents or having fallen prey to predators such as cats. All birds found so far were local birds. Those are not listed as susceptible to the avian virus, according to Rahn.

To find dead birds in a housing area or at the curb is not unusual because birds die of natural causes all the time, Rahn stressed.

"There is no reason to worry when you find a dead bird. You should be alarmed when you find a group of dead water fowl," he said.

With the lifting of restrictions in Hessen, USAG Giessen community members should not be alarmed when they discover a single dead bird. However, community members are advised to avoid contact with all sick or injured animals and the carcasses of all dead animals. The discovery of injured or dead animals should be reported to the Military Police station or the pest control office for removal.

More information about the avian flu can be found on the U.S. Army Garrison Hessen website at www.104thasg.hanau.army.mil and by clicking on "Avian flu information."

1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, surgeon chooses Iraq duty 'to learn about Joes'

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

As you enter the infirmary at the austere base here, there's a sign that reads, "No diamond stops shining at this station."

It's a motto Army Dr. (Capt.) John Rumbaugh and his six medics live by.

Rumbaugh is the battalion surgeon for Task Force 1-36. Centered around the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry, the unit is responsible for maintaining security in this western Euphrates River Valley city. The doctor is responsible for the health of not only the Americans in the unit, but also Iraqi army personnel stationed at the base as well as detainees.

Rumbaugh was stationed in Mons, Belgium, and fought to get the assignment.

"You can learn a lot about 'Joe' out here," he said referring to American Soldiers. "And I wanted to learn."

A family practitioner, Rumbaugh got a gory wake-up call to life as a battalion surgeon. He was one of the first Soldiers to arrive as part of the "relief in place." He was working with his Marine compatriots when a Marine unit struck an improvised explosive device.

"Suddenly, the guy who is used to delivering babies is confronting some serious trauma," he said. "I remember thinking that I better be prepared for

this."

It is one thing to think about clamping femoral arteries when assigned in the rear echelon, he said.

"It is something else when there is blood splattering all over," he said.

The doctor also worries about disease and heat injuries. He saw a Soldier walk past him and called him over.

"How are you feeling?" he asked the young man. "Why don't you come by the station and I can hook you up for some fluids."

The young Soldier had returned from a patrol severely dehydrated.

"It's so hot, and they carry so much gear that it is almost impossible to drink enough," Rumbaugh said. "And it's not like you can take a break when you are on patrol through a neighborhood here."

The doctor also watches the psychological health of his charges. Some of the Soldiers are on their second yearlong tour in Iraq.

"We have one Soldier here who has been IED'd five times," he said. "I make sure these Soldiers know they

can talk to me at any time."

At that moment, a medic popped his head in the doorway. "Iraqi sick call, sir," he said.

Rumbaugh stood and walked to the

door. "It's tough work here," he said.

"But I wouldn't miss working with these 'Joes' for anything. They do everything we ask them to, and we have a responsibility back to them."



Photo by Cpl. Brian Henner

Soldiers from Company A, 1-36th Infantry, search for weapons caches along the banks of the Euphrates River near Hit.

Zeppelinheim Museum: *Airship history alive at local museum and town*

**Story and photos by
Dennis Johnson**
*U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Public Affairs Office*

“Oh, the humanity,”

cried a radio announcer on May 6, 1937, as the German airship, the Hindenburg, exploded in flames while landing outside New York City. For many people this is all they know of airships — that category of “lighter than air” craft which includes dirigibles and blimps.

For a few years in the late 1930s airships flew passengers around the world in luxury, and some aviation experts speculated they would be the future of worldwide passenger aviation. With the Hindenburg disaster covered widely by radio and newsreels, and the improvement of long-range airplanes, the airship’s days were numbered.

Frankfurt was one of the main terminals from which the great airships flew, and the small town of Zeppelinheim was built nearby to house the airship workers.

The Zeppelinheim Museum, just across the Autobahn from Frankfurt Airport, is today a treasure trove of artifacts on the era of the great airships.

The museum

The museum was completed in 1988 and its curved roof mirrors the shape and diameter as the LZ-10 airship. The small 300-square-meter museum is packed with items from 40 years of zeppelin airships. The museum displays uniforms, cabin decorations and dining room place settings, log books and guest books, engines, flight instruments and mechanical parts, and advertising from the Zeppelin Company. Scale models of the various airships hang overhead. The museum has a small cinema, gift shop, and groups are welcome.

The town

The Frankfurt Airport was the starting point of the zeppelin routes to North and South America. As the transatlantic airship service expanded, housing for the flying and ground personnel had to be provided near the airport. Construction of a town named Zeppelinheim started in 1935, and the first buildings were ready in 1937. On Jan. 1, 1938, the status of an independent community was given to

Zeppelinheim. After 39 years, in 1977, Zeppelinheim became part of Neu-Isenburg and lost its independence. Today, the town is a pleasant place for a walk along wooded paths. One path leads to a walkway across the Autobahn to a place where you can watch the jetliners land and take off at Frankfurt International Airport.

The Hindenburg

The zeppelin Hindenburg was destroyed while landing at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey May 6, 1937. Of 61 crew and 36 passengers, 22 crew and 13 passengers died in the explosion along with a ground crewman, Navy Linesman Allen Hagaman.

Longer than three Boeing 747s, the Hindenburg and her sister-ship, Graf Zeppelin II, were the two largest aircraft ever built — 804 feet long and 135 feet in diameter. They had cabins for 50 passengers (upgraded to 72 in 1937) and a crew of 61. The Hindenburg was designed to be filled with helium, but a U.S. embargo forced the Germans to use highly flammable hydrogen. The popular perception is that the Hindenburg was destroyed on its maiden voyage. Unlike the Titanic,

the zeppelin had flown for over a year before the disaster. In 1936 the Hindenburg flew 191,583 miles carrying 2,798 passengers and 160 tons of freight and mail. In that year the ship made 17 trans-Atlantic flights with 10 to the United States and seven to Bra-

zil. It also made a record-breaking Atlantic double-crossing in five days, 19 hours and 51 minutes.

At the airport

If you look carefully the next time
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Above left: The Hindenburg bursts into flames in 1937 above Lakehurst, New Jersey. Above right: Models of various zeppelin designs hang above crew uniforms in the museum’s main hall. Below right: Place settings and a guest book from an airship voyage. Below left: The museum stands on a shady street in the town of Zeppelinheim near the Frankfurt Airport.



Hanau Library offers video messenger

New system allows video messages to be recorded for loved ones

By Dennis Johnson

U.S. Army Garrison Hessen Public Affairs Office

The Hanau Library now has a new way for families to feel close even when one parent is thousands of miles away — a situation that can be especially hard on little readers. Now Pop can record “Hop on Pop” on video or DVD before deploying and his little ones can later check out the book and read along with Dad.

The system allows people to record on VHS or DVD formats for their friends and family to view later. The library staff said they hope people will use it as a way to keep youngsters excited about reading. It can also be used to send birthday or anniversary greetings to someone far away. Family members of deployed Soldiers can send messages downrange or Soldiers can record messages before deploying and send the DVD or video tape to their loved ones later on the appropriate date.

People who want to use the system should set up an appointment. That will ensure users will have enough time to read a few stories or record a number of messages, about a half an hour long, and also that the staff will be available to set up the gear and assist.

A self-contained system allows the user to operate a remote control to start and stop the recording. Users can also preview their messages to ensure they look OK and approve their messages. Like in the movies, you can always do a second take.

“The system is really easy,” said Christina Kruger,

Hanau Library’s reference librarian. “We anticipate high demand for this. They’ve been using this at Landstuhl to send messages to family members.” For those technically challenged, the library staff will be available to assist patrons in using the system, she said.

A number of libraries throughout Europe are gearing up to provide this service, so check with your local library to see if it is equipped.

For an appointment call the Hanau Library, located in Building 5 on Pioneer Kaserne, at mil 322-8942, 9304 or civ (06181) 88-8942, 9304.

Summer reading program

Local libraries have also begun their summer reading program for children called, “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.” The program is animal-themed, hence the name, and is aimed at children age 3-11. From July 6 to Aug. 3, every Thursday at 10 a.m., children will have a book, or for the older children a chapter of a book, read to them. Children will also win prizes for the books they read, and an animal-themed party will be held on the last day, Aug. 3. Children are encouraged to bring in their pets, or stuffed animals, for the party. The program will be held at both the Pioneer and Büdingen libraries. Contact your local library for information.

New library hours

The Hanau Library is now open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday to Sunday from



Photo by Marie DeLopez

The video messenger service at the library is a way to read to your children long distance.

noon to 5 p.m.

Büdingen Library, located in Building 2207 on Armstrong Barracks, is open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call civ (06042) 80-739 or mil 321-4739 for more information.

Zeppelinheim

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you fly from Frankfurt Airport, look at the east end of the runways and you can see the large circles of pavement where the wheel of the zeppelin rolled while moored. Airships were moored to a tower at the nose and allowed to rotate with the wind, their single wheel riding on a sidewalk-width concrete circle.

Lakehurst Naval Air Station

The Hindenburg disaster occurred at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station airship field in New Jersey south of New York City. You can find more information at the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society website at www.nlhs.com. More information on the Hindenburg disaster, with links to video and audio clips, is online at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindenburg_disaster.

Special exhibit

The museum will host a special exhibit of photos and information about two civil zeppelins, the Bodensee und Nordstern, built after World War I which were given to France and Italy as part of Germany’s war reparations. The exhibit will continue until October.

Directions

Exit the A5 at exit 23 (first exit south of the A3 and A5 intersection) towards Zeppelinheim. This is the same exit, but traveling in the opposite direction as going to the former Rhein-Main Air Force Base. Turn left at the first traffic lights into the town of

Zeppelinheim. Follow the main road. The museum is signposted and on the left. If you use B44, take the exit Zeppelinheim and continue on the main road into the town. The museum is signposted.

By public transport

From Frankfurt airport (terminal 1) Take bus OF-51 heading toward Gravenbruch-Ost. Get off at the bus stop Zeppelinheim – Ludwig-Dürr-Straße. It is a two minute walk to the museum. Take the S-Bahn S7 Frankfurt to Goddelau-Erfelden and get off at the “Zeppelinheim Bhf.” There you will find a map of the town to find your way to the museum.

Address

Zeppelin-Museum Zeppelinheim
Kapitän-Lehmann-Str. 2
63263 Neu-Isenburg/Zepplinheim
(069) 694 390

For information about the museum or website email Margot.Chelius@zeppelin-museum-zeppelinheim.de or www.zeppelin-museum-zeppelinheim.de.

Museum hours

Open Friday 1-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Dec. 23 to Jan. 4.

Entry is free. For guided group tours up to 20

people, €25 plus €1 for each additional person. Guided tours take place Tuesday to Sunday.

Groups must register by phone, fax or email with the Kulturoffice Neu-Isenburg. Call civ (06102) 747 434/747 416.

Zeppelin Museum Friedrichshafen

The Zeppelin Museum at Friedrichshafen (the home of Count von Zeppelin and where the airships were built) offers a repository of objects on airship flight and technology, ranging from the beginnings to the

new Zeppelin NT. The museum is housed in the former Harbor Railway Station located on the promenade of Lake Constance. Visit www.zeppelin-museum.de for details.

www.hanau.army.mil

All the information you need for your summer-time activities in the Hanau area, on post and off, can be found at the Hanau Community website at www.hanau.army.mil. Check the “Things to Do” document and garrison schedule for lots of fun summer activities.



Photos by Dennis Johnson

Lt. Col. James H. Bradley, the battalion's new commander, cases the 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, colors for the last time. Right: The color guard and 1st Armored Division Band add color and sound to the ceremony.

2-501st Aviation cases colors for final time in Germany *Aviation battalion changes command, renamed 3rd Aviation Battalion*

By Dennis Johnson
U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Public Affairs Office

A brisk wind whipped the colors of the 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, as they were cased for the last time in Germany during a ceremony June 15. Held on the tarmac at Fliegerhorst Army Airfield where so many helicopter missions originated over the past 50 years, Hanau and the 1st Armored Division said farewell to

the Iron Knights.

The 2-501st changed command at the ceremony and cased their colors for the move to Fort Riley, Kan., where they will re-flag as the 3rd Aviation Battalion, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. The last aircraft and vehicles left Hanau in April, and the last Soldiers will depart by July 15.

Incoming commander, Lt. Col. James H. Bradley, arrived in Hanau for about a week of familiarization with

his new unit before the change of command ceremony. He will return to Kansas with the unit.

Outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Robert A. Baer, is headed for a position at the "five sided foxhole," also known as the Pentagon.

"Many Soldiers have already deployed to Fort Riley, Kan., to move aircraft and set up a forward detachment," said Baer. "Today we welcome Lt. Col. Bradley and his wife to the

Iron Knight family."

After the traditional passing of the colors from Baer to Bradley to indicate the change of command, Bradley and 1st Sgt. Mark Church, the battalion's command sergeant major, cased the colors of the 2-501st.

The 127th Aviation Support Battalion, also based on Fliegerhorst Kaserne, will re-flag at Fort Riley as the 601st Aviation Support Battalion under the CAB.

4th Brigade departure affects business hours *Fliegerhorst Kaserne business hours change, dining facility and bank to close*

By Dennis Johnson
U.S. Army Garrison Hessen Public Affairs Office

Now that the 4th Brigade and their families have departed from Fliegerhorst Kaserne, many of the services there will not have enough customers to remain viable. A number of services will close completely, such as the JFK Dining Facility and the Community Bank branch, while the others will adjust their operating hours to meet the needs of the remaining residents and workers while striving to remain profitable.

"Until the last person shuts his door, we'll be there," said Fliegerhorst Shoppette manager Rick Cantillo.

"We've dropped about 40 percent in sales since the 4th Brigade moved out, but with the new hours it looks like we'll be able to take care of the customers. Our hours depend on sales, but as long as someone is here, we'll be here, but we have to adjust our hours to the sales."

Eating

The food vendors at Fliegerhorst Kaserne

will have new hours starting July 14. They will be open for lunch, Monday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Officials remind local national employees that they too can eat at the Fliegerhorst food court.

Shopping

The Fliegerhorst Shoppette will change its hours starting July 28. The shoppette will be open Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be closed Monday and Saturday. The Pioneer Shoppette will remain open daily until 8 p.m. and the Wolfgang Shopping Center Shoppette will remain open daily until 10 p.m.

Banking

The Community Bank branch on Fliegerhorst Kaserne will close by the end of August. The two automated teller machines outside the bank will remain in service.

JFK Dining Facility

The JFK Dining Facility closed on June 30 due to the reduced population.



Photos by Dennis Johnson

President John F. Kennedy dined with the troops on Fliegerhorst Kaserne in 1963.

Community notes . . . Community notes

Officer Candidate School board

The U.S. Army Garrison Hessen holds an Officer Candidate School Board July 26 starting at 8 a.m. in Building 451 on Hanau's Old Argonner Kaserne. The board is open to any qualified enlisted/warrant officer Soldiers interested in becoming commissioned officers. All packets must be completed and turned in to the USAG Hessen S-1 by July 17 to be considered for the board. Call Staff Sgt. Lucas or Sgt. Vershinin at mil 323-3001 for more information.

Airfield festival

The annual Gelnhausen Airfield Festival, sponsored by the Aero-Club Gelnhausen and this year celebrating 50 years of flight in Gelnhausen, will be held July 14-16. It will feature parachute drops, hot air balloon and airplane rides (€20) and more. Entrance to the airfield is free during the day. On Friday evening, July 14, two bands will perform. "Lentil Dish" plays rock classics and "Riff Raff" is an AC/DC cover band. Admission is €5. On Saturday night a dance party will be held with the band "Concordia." Admission is €5. Food and beverages will be available. For information go to www.aeroclub-gelnhausen.de.

New commander

Maj. Stuart A. Kidder will assume command of the 64th Replacement Company from Maj. Jerry L. Wood in a ceremony on Hanau's Pioneer Kaserne Parade Field July 7 at 2:30 p.m. Kidder arrives after serving as battalion executive officer and rear detachment commander of the 55th Personnel Services Battalion in Hanau. Wood moves on to attend the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Change of command

Capt. Darren Johnson assumed command from Capt. Brian G. Mumfrey of the 127th

Military Police Company July 5 in a ceremony on Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Mumfrey is moving on to an assignment at Fort Riley, Kan., while Johnson arrives from the 709th MP Battalion.

Thrift Store

The Hanau Community Spouses Club Thrift Store at Wolfgang Shopping Center is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Büdingen Thrift Shop is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hanau Tax Center

The Hanau Tax Center closed June 30. Tax services are available at the Legal Assistance Office in Building 4, Pioneer Kaserne. For information call mil 322-8993 or civ (06181) 88-8993.

Photo contest

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is sponsoring the Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest. Photo submissions should depict activities in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom or high-light activities in support of deployed troops, such as scenes of service members returning home. Twelve winning photos will appear on 5-, 10- and 25-

cent POGs, the disc-like gift certificates used in place of currency at contingency exchanges. Prizes range from \$50 to \$1,000 gift cards. For contest rules and information, visit www.AAFES.com.

Judo classes for youths

Youths interested in learning judo have the opportunity to learn for free courtesy of the expertise of Klaus-Peter Daube, Grossauheim police chief. Classes will be taught Thursdays at 3 p.m. at the police station fitness center on Cranachstrasse, in the Lamboy section of Hanau (near Yorkhof and Hutier Kasernes). Call the Hanau Public Affairs Office at civ (06181) 88-1600 or mil 322-1600 for details.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Hanau Vacation Bible School Aug. 7 -11. Call the Religious Support Office to help, mil 322-1370.

GT score tutoring

Improve your General Technical score with tutoring available at the Pioneer Education Center, Building 11, Pioneer Kaserne from noon to 4 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; 8 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Fridays. No appointment is needed. Call mil 322-8380.



Car washing

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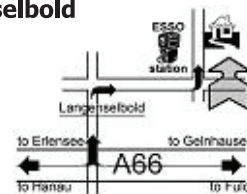
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Go exploring with the USO

Classes, tours and more offered this summer

By Karl Weisel
U.S. Army Garrison Hessen
Public Affairs Office

Wherever and whenever service members deploy, the USO is not far away providing services, hot coffee and a welcome respite from the stress of deployment.

The USO is also a one-stop source of cultural entertainment, classes, tickets and tours, as many military families have discovered.

"Our mission is to support the U.S. Soldier in a variety of ways," said Fred Jeter, director of the Rhein Main Area USOs, explaining that providing community and cultural opportunities, language classes and a host of other services are all aimed at ensuring service members and their families feel comfortable wherever they are stationed.

"We have a great variety in what we offer," Jeter said, describing local city tours geared toward orienting people to their new surroundings and other offerings. "After one of our city tours we want people to realize that this isn't so foreign after all."

Wine tasting trips, kardia kickboxing, Latin dance, cooking classes, Rhein River cruises, belly dancing classes, basket weaving, karate and even piano lessons are among current offerings at Rhein Main Area USOs.

Flexibility is key

"We have to be adaptable," said Jeter, explaining that the USO staff remains flexible to meet demand. While the majority of Soldiers are deployed in communities such as Friedberg and Giessen, the USO staff steps up its efforts to provide programs and services geared more to families such as a recent karate camp.

"We recently opened a small USO center in Building 4 on the Giessen Depot across from Army Community Service. It's a great location for us to serve the community," Jeter said.

Providing affordable trips



Photo by Karl Weisel

Rhein Main Area USOs offer Mainz city tours July 8, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9.

to such notable European cities as Paris and Amsterdam, Berlin and Prague are part of the USO's appeal. "We try to provide services and opportunities for everyone — quality tours at an affordable price. We also try to target three-day weekends, so that people won't have to take leave to enjoy one of our tours. So far all the overnight tours we've done have been sold out," he said.

"We also offer different types of tours — tours that have historical significance and address military history," he said, detailing trips to Bastogne, Verdun and the Maginot Line.

Trips to view the flowers at the Keukenhof gardens in the Netherlands and the Black Forest are especially popular, said Bob Morrissey, tours and ad-

vertising manager for the Rhein Main Area USOs. "Prague is our most exciting tour coming up (*editor's note: it is scheduled for July 21-23*). We have an ambitious express tour schedule including trips to Brussels, Paris and Amsterdam all for \$99."

Express shopping trips to locations such as Poland are also popular, Morrissey said (*a Poland express shopping trip takes place Aug. 19*). "People are overseas for a limited amount of time and they like to stock up on gifts for families and friends back home."

Signing up well in advance of trips ensures they won't be canceled, Morrissey added. "Our most recent emphasis has been on timely sign up. We hate to cancel a tour because of procrastination," he said.

More involvement

"We've increased our range," said Meredith Mall, Rhein Main Area USO programs and events coordinator, about the many different classes featured. "We're trying to get people more involved."

Engagement in local community celebrations and observances is another vital feature of the USO. Whether it's participation in Independence Day festivities, Dexheim's Stork Strasse or local events, USO volunteers ensure their success.

"We do need volunteers,"

said Mall. "People can walk in and we will train them. Through their involvement with the USO they are also eligible for recognition through the Army Volunteer Corps."

"We have all kinds of volunteers," she said, "people from several different countries and all age groups."

"Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the USO," said Jeter. "They multiply the good work we do. USO Rhein Main Area recognized 19,000 volunteer hours in 2005."

In addition to classes and tours, Soldiers and their families can find Internet access, discount tickets to amusement parks such as Holiday and Europa Parks, and tickets for NFL-Europe football games at their local USO.

"We're always looking for feedback for new tours and services," Jeter added. "People have an opportunity to give feedback and make suggestions." Tourgoers are asked to fill out follow-up questionnaires.

For more information about USO highlights visit the USO centers in Wiesbaden's Hainerberg Housing (the Cottage), at Wiesbaden Army Airfield (Building 1023W), Hainerberg Shopping Center, Dexheim (Building 6460), Hanau's Pioneer Kaserne (Building 19), Giessen Depot (Building 4) or at the Frankfurt Airport (Hall C Arrivals). Pick up the latest "Eine Brücke" or visit www.uso.org/rheinmain online and click on "Things to do" for a list of the latest USO offerings.

Things to do

Schiffenberg music

Giessen's Schiffenberg Castle features its annual free Musical Summer concert series through Sept. 10. Upcoming concerts include the Kammerchor Klangfarben Giessen July 7 at 7:30 p.m., The Coachmen Swingtett July 8 at 8 p.m., the brass ensemble from Stuttgart July 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Chicago Five July 16, classic rockers Hairless July 29, the Lahn City Stompers July 30 and rock cover band Say What July 30 at 8 p.m.

Rooms in Garmisch

The Armed Forces Recreation Center's Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen has rooms available from July 26 to Aug. 6 and Aug. 12-27. Call civ (08821) 9440 or visit www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com to make reservations.

Western Night

The Kaiserslautern American German Business Club holds its annual American Western Night July 22 at the Kaiserslautern Garden Show. Catch live country music, square dancing, rodeo artists and American-style barbecue. Email Larry Zani at Larry_Zani@compuserve.com.

Guggenheim exhibit

A selection of nearly 200 modern and contemporary masterpieces from the Guggenheim Foundation will be display July 21 to Jan. 7, 2007, at the Art and Exhibition Hall in Bonn. Visit www.kah-bonn.de/index_e.htm for more information.

'Pygmalion'

Hanau's Five Pfennig Playhouse on Old Argonner Kaserne features the Pembrose Players' production of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" July 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Visit the Hanau USO or call mil 322-8031 for tickets.

Track and field

Bruchköbel's Mayor Michael Roth and Hanau Community sports officials, Pete Paczesny (left) and Coleman Swinton, award medals at the German-American Track and Field Meet June 4. Baumholder hosts the 2006 U.S. Forces Europe Track and Field Championships July 29-30. Call mil 496-7934.

Photo by Karl Weisel



Sports and leisure



Photo by John Krueger

Up and down the hills of the Schiffenberg

Runners and walkers take off at the start of Giessen's 10-Kilometer Run/3-K Family Walk June 24 at the Schiffenberg Castle. It was the first 10-K race for many of the competitors offering a challenging, but picturesque run through the hilly, forest trails on the Schiffenberg courtesy of Giessen's Sports and Fitness. Friedberg's Ronald Martin (above, third runner from right) was the fastest finisher with a time of 37 minutes and 23 seconds. Frankfurt's Emal Ghamsharick won the male open category in 50:14. Hanau's Jessica Winter (above, second runner from right) was the swiftest female finisher crossing the line in 51:15. Hanau's Victoria Ferreira claimed the female open medal in 51:27. Hanau's Karl Weisel took the male master's medal in 57:05 and Damon Cobb won the male youth medal in 1:04:20. Photo above right: Several families also turned out for the event enjoying the summer weather on the Giessen Schiffenberg trails. Photo right: Hanau's John Rood (left) and Damon Cobb cross the finish line. Giessen Sports holds its next Schiffenberg Castle run, a 10-Miler, Sept. 9. Call mil 343-7201 for details. See Sports shorts and page 29 for more runs.



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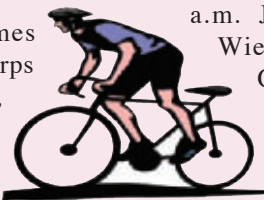
Sports shorts

Sports officials clinic

Western Kentucky University veteran sports official Steve Rey, a member of the Intramural-Recreational Sports Branch, will present the 2006 Flag Football Officials Clinic at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Training and Development Center in Schwetzingen July 25-29. The annual clinic prepares garrison officials to officiate clinics at their installations for Installation Management Agency-Europe Child and Youth Services and other military programs. Clinic attendees will learn current flag football rules, points of emphasis and field mechanics. The clinic will culminate with a written test and practical examination during the 2006 IMA-E MWR Flag Football Tournament. Call Tom Hlavacek at mil 379-7693 or Tom Benson at mil 373-6460 for more information. (IMA-E Release)

Fastest on two wheels

Hanau's James Sharp, 485th Corps Support Battalion, dominated bicycle action at the second leg of the U.S. Forces Europe road cycling championships held June 17-18 in Spangdahlem. Sharp won the 51.5-kilometer road race and the 11.2-K time trial. (Courtesy of the Stars and Stripes)



Children's Golf Clinic

Baumholder's Rolling Hills Golf Course holds a Children's Golf Clinic July 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. It is open to youths age 6-18 and costs \$5 including balls and clubs. Call mil 485-7299.

Free bowling

Hanau's Hessen Bowl at the Wolfgang Shopping Center features a free game of bowling with each paid game Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from 3-8 p.m. through Sept. 4. The Hessen Bowl

also holds Disco Bowling featuring popular music and specialty lighting every Saturday from 8-11 p.m.

Round ball tournaments

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center holds an Over-30 Basketball Tournament July 8-9, a Soccer Invitational Tournament July 15-16 and a Softball Tournament July 22-23. Call mil 323-7201 for more information.

Summer youth sports

Giessen's Youth Sports holds roller hockey, bowling, junior golf and table tennis during the summer months. Call mil 343-6969 for details.

Putting workshop

Wiesbaden's Rheinblick Golf Course holds a putting workshop July 9 and Aug. 13 from 3-5 p.m. Learn how to read the green. Workshops designed for intermediate golfers. Cost is \$32 per session. Call mil 336-2816.

10K Run in the Sun

The second annual 10K Run in the Sun starts at 10 a.m. July 15 at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Register on race day from 8:30-9:45 a.m. or register in advance beginning July 1. Cost is \$20. Call mil 337-5541 or civ (0611) 705-5541 for details.

Hanau Hornets football

The Hanau Hornets play at home July 30 versus the Kirchdorf Wildcats at 3:30 p.m. and Aug. 13 versus the Königsbrunn Ants at 3:30 p.m. Home games are at Herbert-Dröse-Stadium in Hanau-Wilhelmsbad. Visit www.hanau-hornets.de/index.php for details.

Fitness Boot Camp

Get in shape with the Fitness Boot Camp 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from July 11 to Aug. 31 at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Cost is \$70 per person. Call mil 337-5541 or civ (0611) 705-5541 for details.



At the movies July 6-20

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

- July 7** — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 8 — The Break Up (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 9 — Akeelah And The Bee (PG) 4 p.m.
July 14 — United 93 (R) 7 p.m.
July 15 — Cars (G) 7 p.m.
July 16 — Hoot (PG) 4 p.m.

Büdingen, Little

- July 7** — Lucky Number Slevin (R) 7 p.m.
July 8 — Take The Lead (PG-13) 3 p.m.
July 14 — Benchwarmers (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 15 — Phat Girlz (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

- July 6** — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 7 — Akeelah And The Bee (PG) 7 p.m.
July 8 — Cars (G) 7 p.m.
July 13 — Stick It (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 14 — United 93 (R) 7 p.m.
July 15 — The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 20 — Poseidon (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

- July 6** — Phat Girlz (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 7-8 — Goal! The Dream Begins (PG) 7 p.m.
July 9 — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 13 — American Dreamz (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 14 — Poseidon (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 15 — Over the Hedge (PG) 2 p.m. Poseidon (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 16 — Stick It (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

- July 7** — Mission Impossible III (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 8 — Benchwarmers (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth) and Superman (Brandon Routh) get reacquainted in "Superman Returns."



Lawrence Fishbone plays a professor who takes a Akeelah (played by Keke Palmer) under his wing and preps her for the National Spelling Bee competition in "Akeelah and the Bee."

- July 9** — The Sentinel (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 11-12 — Goal! The Dream Begins (PG) 7 p.m.
July 14 — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 15 — Scary Movie (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 16 — Phat Girlz (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 18-19 — Poseidon (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Hanau, Evening Star

- July 6** — Disney's Teacher's Pet (PG) noon The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 7 — The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) 7 p.m. Silent Hill (R) 9:30 p.m.
July 8 — The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) 7 p.m. American Dreamz (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
July 9 — Akeelah And The Bee (PG) 4 p.m. The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 10 — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 11 — Akeelah And The Bee (PG) 7 p.m.
July 12 — American Dreamz (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 13 — Click (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 14 — Click (PG-13) 7 p.m. United 93 (R) 9:30 p.m.
July 15 — Click (PG-13) 7 p.m. Stick It (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
July 16 — Click (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 17 — Hoot (PG) 7 p.m.
July 18 — United 93 (R) 7 p.m.
July 19 — Hoot (PG) 7 p.m.
July 20 — Stick It (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Flyers

- July 6** — The Sentinel (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 7 — American Dreamz (PG-13)

- 7 p.m.
July 8 — Click (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 13 — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 14 — Stick It (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 15 — Superman Returns (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 20 — United 93 (R) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

- July 6** — Scary Movie 4 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 7 — Click (PG-13) 7 p.m. Silent Hill (R) 9:30 p.m.
July 8 — Akeelah And The Bee (PG) 4 p.m. American Dreamz (PG-13) 7 p.m. Click (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
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July 11 — Silent Hill (R) 7 p.m.
July 12 — Akeelah And The Bee (PG) 7 p.m.
July 13 — American Dreamz (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 14 — Superman Returns (PG-13) 7 p.m. United 93 (R) 9:30 p.m.
July 15 — Hoot (PG) 4 p.m. Stick It (PG-13) 7 p.m. Superman Returns (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
July 16 — Hoot (PG) 4 p.m. Superman Returns (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 17 — Superman Returns (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 18 — Stick It (PG-13) 7 p.m.
July 19 — United 93 (R) 7 p.m.
July 20 — Hoot (PG) 7 p.m.

Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the garrison's website (see address below).

Movie plots

Superman Returns (PG-13) — Following a mysterious absence of years, the Man of Steel (Brandon Routh) comes back to Earth only to face the realization the woman he loves, Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), has moved on with her life.

Akeelah And The Bee (PG) — Akeelah (Keke Palmer) is tutored by Dr. Larabee (Laurence Fishburne) and competes for a spot in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Her courage and inspiration unite her south Los Angeles neighborhood.

Click (PG-13) — Morty (Christopher Walken) gives Michael (Adam Sandler) a magical remote control. With each click Michael is able to control his career and personal life, but complications arise.

Phat Girlz (PG-13) — Two frustrated plus-size women, obsessed with their weight, struggle to find love and acceptance in a world full of slim-bodied ladies.

American Dreamz (PG-13) — Hugh Grant plays a British TV personality and Dennis Quaid plays an American president in the middle of a nervous breakdown.

Goal! The Dream Begins (PG-13) — Kuno Becker stars in the rags to riches story of a young Latino player who journeys from the Barrios of East LA to the glamour of the English premier soccer league to win a contract with Newcastle United.

Poseidon (PG-13) — When a wave capsizes a luxury cruise ship, a small group of survivors find themselves unlikely allies in a battle for their lives. Stars Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell and Richard Dreyfuss.

Cars (G) — Pixar Animation Studios brings this fast-paced animated adventure set inside the world of cars.

The Fast And The Furious: Tokyo Drift (R) — Sean Boswell (Lucas Black) gets hooked on Tokyo's underground world of drift racing and finds himself involved with the Japanese mafia.

Lucky Number Slevin (R) — A case of mistaken identity lands Slevin (Josh Hartnett) in the middle of a war being plotted by two of the city's most notorious rival crime bosses — the Rabbi (Ben Kingsley) and the Boss (Morgan Freeman). Slevin is under constant surveillance by Detective Brikowski (Stanley Tucci) and assassin Goodkat (Bruce Willis) and finds himself having to hatch his own plot to escape the maze alive.

Over The Hedge (PG) — When a suburban housing development encroaches on their forest home, Verne and R.J. form an unlikely friendship as they learn to co-exist with, and even exploit, the strange new world called suburbia.

Summer scenes

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Free chicken and more

Looking for a free cookout? The Kastel Klub in Building 4019 on the Mainz-Kastel Depot is celebrating summer with free barbecue chicken and ribs, baked beans, and potato salad. The grills fire up July 15 from 2-11 p.m. Enter a drawing for free prizes, kick back with friends to a variety of popular music and celebrate summer. For information call mil 335-5100.



Extreme dodgeball

You thought dodgeball was just for kids? See what happens when child's play turns tough Aug. 5 at 10 p.m. at the state-of-the-art Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Looking to boost morale in your unit or office? Then register your eight-person team by Aug. 2. The first five teams to register get a free T-shirt. Call civ (0611) 705-5541 or mil 337-5541 to learn more.

Run in the sun

Compete with Wiesbaden's fastest during the Run in the Sun 10-K event July 15 at 10 a.m. at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center. Cheer on the runners or register yourself from 8:30-9:45 a.m. Fee is \$20. Participants will receive a T-shirt and have a chance to win awards in several male and female categories. For information contact the Wiesbaden Fitness Center at civ (0611) 705-5541 or mil 337-5541.

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Never quit the game

It's time to show you still shine at the Over-30 Basketball Tournament July 8-9 at the Miller Hall Fitness Center, Building L0401 near the Giessen Post Exchange. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams. Get your unit together, or your friends, and register a team for \$100 by calling mil 343-7201 in Giessen or mil 324-3155 in Friedberg.

See Europe

Is your spouse deployed? Do you have children? Don't let that keep you from seeing Europe this summer. Outdoor Recreation makes seeing Europe easy by taking you to popular spots including Disneyland Paris July 8, Amsterdam July 15, Neuschwanstein Castle July 22 and Paris July 29. Get a group together and enjoy Europe before you move. Reservations are required. Call civ (0641) 402-8202 or mil 343-8202.

Support for children

The Rainbows support group program is a four-week support group especially for children. The support group provides a forum for youths to share their concerns about separation, divorce, deployment and family crisis with others. There are also discussions about grief and loss to help children understand some of the realities facing military communities today. For information call mil 343-7618/3465.

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Merlin is coming to town

Magician Merlin-Ye-Magi comes back to the Hanau community July 25. Listen to his tales of fantastic lands, see his magic relics and watch as he dazzles the audience with magic. The free show begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Kid's Korner. Call civ (06181) 88-9013 or mil 322-9013.

Military Idol contest coming to town

Sign up by July 28 for this year's Military Idol Competition. Elimination rounds will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. Aug. 25 through Sept. 29, excluding the Labor Day Weekend. Applications can be found online at www.militaryidol.com. Completed applications can be dropped off at any Hanau fitness center. Last year's winner, Staff Sgt. Windy Ramel (photo right) advanced to the national competition.



5-K/10-K Walk and Run

Put your fitness to the test on July 22 during the 5-K/10-K Walk and Run at the Pioneer Fitness Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the event starts at 10 a.m. Awards will be presented to the first, second and third place finishers in each category. You can even gain points for the MTI Walk 4 Freedom program. Register at the Pioneer Fitness Center or call civ (06181) 88-8197 or mil 322-8197.

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When was the last time you felt totally relaxed? Whether you are a busy mother or single Soldier, a soothing massage could be just what you need to relax your nerves. Rolling Hills Athletic Club in Building 8895 on Wetzel Barracks offers 60-minute massage sessions for \$40. Choose from Swedish, hot stone therapy, deep tissue or combination massages. Call civ (06783) 6-6156 or mil 485-6156.

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